



US agents fire tear gas as some migrants try to breach fence

By CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN
TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) —

Hundreds of migrants approaching the U.S. border from Mexico were enveloped with tear gas Sunday after several tried to make it past fencing and wire separating the two countries.

Earlier in the morning, a group of Central Americans staged a peaceful march to appeal for the U.S. to speed up the asylum claims process, but their demonstration devolved as they neared the crossing with the U.S. and some saw an opportunity to breach the border.

U.S. agents shot several rounds of gas, according to an Associated Press reporter on the scene, after migrants attempted to penetrate several points along the border.



Tearful Breakthrough

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A migrant woman helps carry a handmade U.S. flag up the riverbank at the Mexico-U.S. border after getting past Mexican police at the Chaparral border crossing in Tijuana, Mexico, Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018, as a group of migrants tries to reach the U.S.

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Blockages gone, fish back in post-Sandy projects in 6 states

By **WAYNE PARRY, Associated Press**

SPRING LAKE, N.J. (AP)

— Billions of dollars have been spent on the recovery from Superstorm Sandy to help people get their lives back together, but a little-noticed portion of that effort is quietly helping another population along the shoreline: fish that need to migrate from coastal rivers out to the sea and back. After the 2012 storm, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service spent nearly \$11 million on a series of projects to remove dams and other blockages from coastal waters in six states, partnering with local environmental groups. Fish species that were scarce or entirely absent from those waterways for years soon began showing up again. The so-called “aquatic connectivity” projects in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia were part of a \$105 million effort not only to fix what was damaged by Sandy, but also to improve environmental conditions in places where recreational benefits could help tourism



In this May 4, 2015, file photo, Jenna Krug, a restoration coordinator with the American Littoral Society environmental group, holds a white sucker that her group caught in a net at Wreck Pond in Spring Lake, N.J.

and the economy, as well. While the storm did its worst damage in New York and New Jersey, its effects were felt in many states along the East Coast.

“The idea was not only to do good things for fish and wildlife, but to provide

community benefits and make communities more resilient,” said Rick Bennett, a scientist with the Fish and Wildlife Service in Massachusetts. “By removing dams, you also reduce flooding, especially upstream.”

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One of the first and most successful projects happened in Spring Lake, New Jersey’s Wreck Pond. For years, the conflicting goals of protecting the environment and some of the New Jersey shore’s priciest real estate from storms have

bedeviled the pond. Storms sometimes open a channel between the 48-acre tidal pond and the ocean, but governments keep sealing it shut to protect homes from flooding. The result was poor water quality and much narrower access to the ocean, which hurts fish that travel from ocean to pond to breed. The American Littoral Society oversaw construction of a concrete culvert between the pond and the ocean to make it easier for fish, including herring, to reach the sea. In addition to letting fish in and out more easily, the culvert can be opened or closed as needed during storms to control flooding. It succeeded at both goals, said Tim Dillingham, the group’s executive director. “The restoration of connectivity to allow fish to return and spawn has been a great success,” he said. “We’re seeing fish come back in numbers we hadn’t seen before. And it has also added to the resiliency of the area during storms, by adding capacity to deal with flooding.” □

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“Thank you President T”: Trump tweets as holiday break ends

By **JILL COLVIN, Associated Press**

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)

— President Donald Trump congratulated himself for falling oil prices. He chided the Federal Reserve over interest rates. He claimed Central American countries are trying to dump “certain people” into the United States. Trump’s Florida holiday stay was ending Sunday with a visit to his golf club for the fifth day in a row. His tweeting took no break. The president patted himself on the back for a dip in petroleum prices, writing “thank you President T.” He also admonished the U.S. central bank over the cost of borrowing money. “Would be very SMART if Mexico would stop the Caravans long before they get to our Southern Border, or if originating countries

would not let them form,” he wrote, claiming, without evidence, that “it is a way they get certain people out of their country and dump in U.S. No longer.” He blamed Democrats for creating the problem, demanding: “No crossings!” Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn, said on ABC’s “This Week” that the president should be taking responsibility for the situation. “He controls the White House. His party controls the House and the Senate and it is on them,” she said, arguing Trump should have worked more closely with Central American countries to prevent the caravans. She said Trump had chosen “to weaponize” and “politicize” the situation, but “has an opportunity here, especially with a new Congress coming in, to get this done.” □

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Migrants sought to squeeze through gaps in wire, climb over fences and peel back metal sheeting to enter. Children screamed and coughed in the mayhem of the tear gas.

Fumes were carried by the wind toward people who were hundreds of feet away, not attempting to enter the U.S.

Yards away on the U.S. side, shoppers streamed in and out of an outlet mall. Honduran Ana Zuniga, 23, said she saw other migrants open a small hole in concertina wire at a gap on the Mexican side of a levee, at which point U.S. agents fired tear gas at them. "We ran, but when you run the gas asphyxiates you more," she told the AP while cradling her 3-year-old daughter Valery in her arms.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection helicopters flew overhead, while U.S. agents held vigil on foot beyond the wire fence in California. The Border Patrol office in San Diego said via Twitter that pedestrian crossings have been suspended at the San Ysidro port of entry at both the East and West facilities.

All northbound and southbound traffic was halted. Earlier Sunday, the group of several hundred migrants pushed past a blockade of Mexican police who were standing guard near the international border crossing. They appeared to easily pass through without using violence, and some

of the migrants called on each other to remain peaceful.

They carried hand-painted American and Honduran flags while chanting: "We are not criminals! We are international workers!"

Migrants were asked by police to turn back toward Mexico. Around 5,000 migrants have been camped in and around a sports complex in Tijuana after making their way through Mexico in recent weeks via caravan. Many hope to apply for asylum in the U.S., but agents at the San Ysidro entry point are processing fewer than 100 asylum petitions a day.

Irineo Mujica, who has accompanied the migrants for weeks as part of the aid group Pueblo Sin Fronteras, said the aim of Sunday's march toward the U.S. border was to make the migrants' plight more visible to the governments of Mexico and the U.S.

"We can't have all these people here," Mujica told The Associated Press.

Tijuana Mayor Juan Manuel Gastelum on Friday declared a humanitarian crisis in his border city of 1.6 million, which he says is struggling to accommodate the crush of migrants. U.S. President Donald Trump took to Twitter Sunday to express his displeasure with the caravans in Mexico.

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers walks along a wall at the border between Mexico and the United States, as seen from San Diego on Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018.

Associated Press.

is a way they get certain people out of their country and dump in U.S. No longer)," he wrote.

Mexico's Interior Ministry said Sunday the country has sent 11,000 Central Americans back to their countries of origin since Oct. 19.

It said that 1,906 of them were members of the recent caravans.

Mexico is on track to send a total of around 100,000 Central Americans back home by the end of this year. □



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Democrats shun idea of Pelosi floor fight in speaker's race

By LISA MASCARO, AP Congressional Correspondent
WASHINGTON (AP) — Call it the chaos theory for picking the next House speaker.

Those Democrats trying to stop California Rep. Nancy Pelosi from reclaiming the job say they don't need a rival candidate just yet. Instead, they plan to show that Pelosi lacks the votes to win the race. And then, they say, new challengers will emerge.

It's strategy that has other Democrats cringing at the prospect of their new House majority in disarray. They say voters swept them to office in this month's elections to govern, not become bogged down by the kind of Republican infighting that sent Ohio Rep. John Boehner to an early exit as speaker and weakened his successor, Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan. The last thing they want is a floor fight over the leadership post when Congress opens work in January.

"If the first Democratic value they see is chaos, I don't think that's very good," said Rep. Don Beyer, D-Va., who recently wrote an op-ed with colleagues supporting Pelosi. "I don't think it's a good look at all."

The chaos theory will be put to a test this coming week when House Democrats meet in private for a vote nominating Pelosi to become speaker in January. She held that post from 2007 to 2011, the first woman to serve as speaker.

After one potential rival stepped aside, Pelosi is expected to easily win the majority from her ranks. But opponents have hopes of denying her the broader support she needs when the new Congress holds a vote in January.

One of those organizing against her, Rep. Kathleen

Rice, D-N.Y., said recently that the lack of a sure-fire challenger is beside the point. The goal is to force the question.

"The whole concept of you can't beat somebody with nobody is a Nancy Pelosi talking point," she said.

At the moment, there are at least 15 Pelosi opponents, making for a razor-thin vote. House Democrats won a 233-seat majority in the 435-member House in the November midterm election, with a few races still uncalled. Pelosi needs 218 to win the job, if all Republicans oppose her, which is likely. The margin could expand slightly with absences or if lawmakers simply vote "present."

"The first step is showing that she cannot get to 218," Rice told reporters, "and then I believe the challengers will emerge that can allow new members to say, Ok here's another possibility, now I get it."

Moulton, a Marine veteran, said earlier he hopes it will be "a chaotic debate" for new leadership because "that would be healthy for the party."

But after the election delivered Democrats the House majority, it's an approach that may require a leap of faith that other lawmakers are unwilling to take, especially as Pelosi amasses an outpouring of support from advocacy groups, labor unions and even former President Barack Obama in a display of raw power.

Trying to head off that debate, Pelosi sent a letter to colleagues thanking "so many of you for the strong support you have given me" and asked that "we all support" the party's nominee for speaker when the full House votes. "Our unity is our power," she wrote. □



In this Nov. 6, 2018, file photo, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi of California, smiles as she meets with reporters on Election Day at the Democratic National Committee headquarters in Washington.

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Black man's death: Questions remain in Alabama mall shooting

By KIM CHANDLER, Associated Press

HOOVER, Ala. (AP) — The father of a black man killed by a police officer during a shooting at an Alabama mall said his son had a permit to carry a gun for self-defense, adding it was hurtful police initially portrayed his son as the shooter.

Emantic "EJ" Bradford Jr., 21, was fatally shot by the officer responding to the Thanksgiving night shooting that wounded an 18-year-old man and a 12-year-old girl bystander. Hoover police initially said they thought Bradford, who was carrying a handgun, was responsible but later retracted that statement. They subsequently said it was unlikely that Bradford had done the shooting.

Bradford's father, Emantic Bradford Sr., speaking Saturday night with The Associated Press, said the family wants to know if there is police body camera footage from the shooting. Police have not confirmed to AP whether such footage exists. Hoover Police Captain Gregg Rector said investigators now believe that more than two people were involved in the initial fight ahead of the shooting, and that "at least one gunman" is still at large who could be responsible. Police said while Bradford Jr. "may have been involved in some aspect of the altercation, he likely did not fire the rounds that wounded the 18-year-old victim." Rector said police regret that their initial statement about Bradford was not accurate and added the shooting remains under investigation. About 200 demonstrators marched Saturday evening through the Riverchase Galleria mall in suburban Birmingham and held a moment of silence for Bradford at the spot where he was killed. The slain man's stepmother, Cynthia Bradford, described her stepson, who went by E.J., as a respectful young man whose

father worked at a jail for the Birmingham Police Department. She also said of the initial police account: "We knew that was false." The unanswered questions surrounding the shooting have stirred emotions in the suburb of the majority-black city of Birmingham.

Demonstrators on Saturday included several relatives, and they chanted "E.J." and "no justice, no peace" as they marched past Christmas shoppers at the mall. Bradford's father called his son, "a good kid, a very good kid."

Bradford Sr. said his son had a permit to carry a weapon in self-defense. He said he doesn't know exactly what happened at the mall but added: "They were so quick to rush to judgment. ... I knew my son didn't do that. People rushed to judgment. They shouldn't have done that." Carlos Chaverst, an activist in Birmingham who organized Saturday's protest, said that when authorities acknowledged that the person killed was not the actual shooter, "that sent us in an uproar." He said more protests will be held in the future to hold officials accountable.

"When we found out about this incident, there were questions from the jump. People were upset because a man was shot and killed by police in our own backyard," he said.

The incident began Thanksgiving night with a fight and shooting at the Riverchase Galleria, a mall crowded with Black Friday bargain hunters, according to authorities. An 18-year-old man was shot twice and a 12-year-old female bystander was shot in the back. Hoover police said Friday morning that the girl was in stable condition. The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency is investigating the incident since it is an officer-involved shooting. The Hoover Police Department is conducting its own internal investigation. □



This undated image provided by Emantic Bradford, Sr. shows Emantic Fitzgerald Bradford, Jr., 21, posing for a picture at his father's home near Birmingham, Ala., in his senior year of high school.

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Ex-Trump campaign adviser loses bid to delay prison sentence

By HOPE YEN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge on Sunday rejected a last-minute bid by former Trump campaign foreign policy adviser George Papadopoulos to delay his two-week prison term and ordered him to surrender Monday as scheduled.

Papadopoulos sought the delay until an appeals court had ruled in a separate case challenging the constitutionality of special counsel Robert Mueller's appointment.

But in an order Sunday, U.S. District Court Judge Randolph Moss said Papadopoulos had waited too long to contest his sentence after it was handed down in September. Moss



In this Oct. 25, 2018, file photo, George Papadopoulos, the former Trump campaign adviser who triggered the Russia investigation, arrives for his first appearance before congressional investigators, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

"The truth will all be out. Not even a prison sentence can stop that momentum," Papadopoulos wrote Sunday. "Looking forward to testifying publicly shortly after. The wool isn't going to be pulled over America's eyes forever." Papadopoulos had filed an initial motion on Nov. 16, nearly two months after the deadline for appealing his conviction or sentence. He followed up with a request to delay his sentence pending that motion on Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving. "Papadopoulos waited until the eleventh hour to seek relief; indeed, he did not file his second motion — the stay request — until the last business day before he was scheduled to surrender to serve his sentence," Moss' 13-page order states.

Associated Press.

He has only his own delay to blame. Papadopoulos pleaded guilty last year to lying to federal agents about his interactions with Russian intermediaries during the 2016 presidential campaign. He also forfeited most of his rights to contest his conviction. His lawyer argued that the appellate case could constitute new evidence that could allow him to mount a challenge. That case was brought by a witness refusing to comply with a Mueller grand jury subpoena. Papadopoulos' sentence, issued by Moss on Sept. 7, was far less than the maximum six-month sentence sought by the government but more than the probation that Papadopoulos and his lawyers had asked for. Moss at the time noted that many similar cases resulted in probation but said he imposed a sentence of incarceration partly to send a message to the public that people can't lie to the FBI. □



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Catastrophic Northern California fire is finally contained



In this Nov. 10, 2018, file photo, sheriff's deputies recover the remains of a victim of the Camp Fire in Paradise, Calif.

Associated Press.

By **CHRISTOPHER WEBER**, Associated Press
LOS ANGELES (AP) — A

massive wildfire that killed dozens of people and destroyed thousands of homes in Northern California has been fully contained after burning for more than two weeks, authorities said Sunday. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said the Camp fire had been surrounded by firefighters following several days of rain in and around the devastated town of Paradise.

The nation's deadliest wild fire in a century killed at least 85 people, and 249 are on a list of those unaccounted for.

The number of missing dropped in recent days as officials confirmed that more people were alive. Crews continued sifting

through debris and ash for human remains.

"It's certainly good to be done with the containment of this fire, even though there's still a lot of work to be done moving forward," fire spokeswoman Jennifer Erickson said.

The blaze began on Nov. 8 in the parched Sierra Nevada foothills and quickly spread across 240 square miles (620 square kilometers), destroying most of Paradise in a day.

Nearly 19,000 buildings, most of them homes, are gone.

The firefight got a boost last week from the first significant winter storm to hit California.


It dropped an estimated 7 inches (18 centimeters) of rain over the burn area during a three-day period without causing significant mudslides, said Hannah

Chandler-Cooley of the National Weather Service. In Southern California, more residents returned to areas evacuated in a destructive fire as crews repaired power, telephone and gas

utilities. Los Angeles County sheriff's officials said they were in the last phase of repopulating Malibu and unincorporated areas of the county. At the height of the fire, 250,000 fled their

homes. The fire was fully contained Nov. 21 after burning for two weeks.

Three people died, and 1,643 buildings, most of them homes, were destroyed, officials said. □



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Ukraine, Russia tensions soar after Black Sea naval incident

By **MATTHEW BODNER**

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — The Ukrainian navy said Sunday that Russia's coast guard opened fire on and seized three Ukrainian vessels and wounded two crew members in the Black Sea following a tense standoff off the coast of the Crimean Peninsula.

Ukraine's navy said that two of its vessels were struck and that Russian coast guard crews boarded them and a tugboat and seized them.

The Russian Federal Security Service, known as the FSB and which is in charge of the coast guard, said that it has evidence that Ukraine was responsible for the clashes.

"There is irrefutable evidence that Kiev prepared and orchestrated provocations ... in the Black Sea," the FSB said in a statement.



The Kerch bridge is seen blocked for ships entrance, near Kerch, Crimea, Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018.

Associated Press

"These materials will soon be made public."

There have been growing tensions between Ukraine and Russia, which annexed Crimea from Ukraine in 2014 and has steadily worked to increase its zone of control around the peninsula.

Earlier Sunday, Russia and Ukraine traded accusations over another incident

involving the same three vessels, prompting Moscow to block passage through the Kerch Strait.

The Ukrainian vessels apparently wanted to travel through the strait to other ports in Ukraine, and Ukrainian authorities said they had given advance notice to the Russians.

The tensions began Sun-

day morning. Russia's coast guard said that the three Ukrainian vessels made an unauthorized crossing through Russian territorial waters, while Ukraine alleged that one of its boats was rammed by a Russian coast guard vessel.

The Kerch Strait is a narrow body of water nestled between Crimea and the Russian mainland.

The incident began after the Ukrainian navy claimed a Russian coast guard vessel rammed one of its tugboats, which was traveling with two Ukrainian navy artillery boats from Odessa on the Black Sea to Mariupol in the Sea of Azov, via the Kerch Strait.

"Russian coast guard vessels ... carried out openly aggressive actions against Ukrainian navy ships," the Ukrainian navy statement said. It said a Russian coast guard ship damaged the

tugboat's engine, hull, side railing and a lifeboat.

The statement added that Russia had been informed in advance about the planned journey.

Russia then blocked off the strait.

The Kerch Strait is the only passage into the Sea of Azov beyond it.

The strait is crossed by the recently completed Kerch Bridge, connecting Crimea to Russia. Transit under the bridge has been blocked by a tanker ship, and dozens of cargo ships awaiting passage are stuck.

Russia has not given any indication of how long it will keep the strait blocked off, but a long-term closure to civilian traffic would amount to an economic blockade of Ukrainian cities on the Azov coast.

And Russia's Black Sea Fleet greatly outmatches the Ukrainian navy. □

Thousands use UN day to protest violence against women

Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — Protesters in cities across Europe and elsewhere marked the U.N. International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on Sunday, with tens of thousands turning out in Madrid and demonstrators in Istanbul greeted by tear gas.

Hundreds of women gathered in Istanbul's Tunel Square to march on the city's main pedestrian Istiklal Avenue.

Dozens of police formed a barricade and prevented the group from marching, saying their demonstration



People take part during a protest against sexism and gender violence in Madrid, Spain, Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018.

Associated Press

was not permitted.

Police fired several rounds

of tear gas to stop the group.

The activists instead continued their demonstration in the square with a sit-in. They chanted slogans and dispersed peacefully.

Rights groups say violence against women is widespread in Turkey, and an online database called the Monument Counter says at least 337 women were killed by domestic violence in 2018.

Protests in Turkey have been especially restricted since 2013 after a wave of anti-government demonstrations, extremist attacks and a two-year state of emergency declared fol-

lowing a failed coup in 2016.

Activists marched in more than 40 cities and towns in Spain, with tens of thousands in Madrid joining a feminist group and shouting "no more victims, we want freedom" as they marched through the Spanish capital's center.

Official figures show 44 women have died this year in Spain at the hands of their current or former partners. Since 2003, when Spain started keeping records, the total number of victims has been 999 — 972 women and 27 children. □



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Scuffles in Romania at blessing of Orthodox cathedral

By ALISON MUTLER

Associated Press

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP)

— Tens of thousands of Romanians braved hours of cold weather Sunday for the blessing of a grandiose Orthodox cathedral consecrated to mark 100 years since modern-day Romania was created in the aftermath of World War I. The event was marred after three people were hospitalized when scuffles broke out between riot police and Orthodox believers. Believers from all over the country and beyond stood outside the Salvation of the People cathedral to watch the service transmitted on giant screens on a misty morning in the capital.

But tempers frayed after believers tried to push their way through police lines after lining up for hours to visit the cathedral. Riot police spokesman Georgian Enache called for calm, saying believers “due to tiredness, impatience had



Riot police officers assist a woman after extracting her from the crowds trying to push through fences to visit the newly blessed National Cathedral, in Bucharest, Romania, Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018.

forced their way” past police lines on the cathedral steps.

Authorities said 83 people

required medical attention during the day. They said most cases were because of fainting, after they stood

for many hours in cold, damp weather.

Earlier, the Ecumenical Istanbul-based patriarch

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Bartholomew I and Romanian Patriarch Daniel led the morning service, broadcast live on television, joined by 100 priests dressed in white and gold cassocks.

The 120-meter (394-feet) high cathedral towers over a giant palace nearby built by late Communist leader Nicolae Ceausescu. Six bells rang out after the blessing.

The church says the unfinished building has cost 110 million euros (\$125 million), three-quarters of which was public money. Critics say the money would have been better spent on schools and hospitals. The state pays priests' salaries and for church building maintenance.

About 86 percent of Romanians are believers in the Orthodox church, which enjoyed a revival after communism ended in 1989. But its popularity has declined in recent years, particularly in cities. □

Taiwanese reject legalizing same-sex unions in referendum

By RALPH JENNINGS

Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Voters in Taiwan passed a referendum asking that marriage be restricted to one man and one woman, a setback to LGBT couples hoping their island will be the first place in Asia to let same-sex couples share child custody and insurance benefits.

The vote on Saturday, organized by Christian groups that make up about 5 percent of Taiwan's popula-

tion and advocates of the traditional Chinese family structure, goes against a May 2017 Constitutional Court ruling. Justices told legislators then to make same-sex marriage legal within two years, a first for Asia, where religion and conservative governments normally keep the bans in place.

Although the ballot initiative is advisory only, it is expected to frustrate lawmakers mindful of public opinion as they face the



In this Dec. 10, 2016, file photo, supporters of LGBT and human rights wave rainbow flags during a rally supporting a proposal to allow same-sex marriage in Taipei, Taiwan, on the World Human Rights Day.

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court deadline next year. Many legislators will stand for re-election in 2020.

“The legislature has lots of choices on how to make this court order take effect,” said referendum proponent Chen Ke, a Catholic pastor in Taiwan and an opponent of same-sex marriage. Ruling party lawmakers backed by President Tsai Ing-wen had proposed legalizing same-sex marriage in late 2016, but put their ideas aside to await the court hearing. □

31 dead in Ugandan boat accident, toll expected to rise

By **RODNEY MUHUMUZA**

Associated Press

MUKONO, Uganda (AP) —

Ugandan divers retrieved 31 bodies and expected to find more in a capsized vessel in Lake Victoria, making it one of the country's worst maritime disasters and prompting the president to call for more stringent safety regulations.

The vessel was believed to be overcrowded with nearly 100 passengers, said Zurah Ganyana, a senior police officer at the scene. At least 27 people were rescued overnight, lower than earlier reports, she said.

The boat, on a routine pleasure cruise and full of mostly youthful revelers, overturned and sank at about 7 p.m. on Saturday, she said.

Among the many tragic stories was one of a man who went out to help rescue people and drowned when he was dragged underwater by a desperate passenger.

The MV Templa was in poor condition, had been grounded for some time and lacked a valid license



Ugandan police carry away a body of one of the victims of a boat which capsized in Lake Victoria near the capital, Kampala, Uganda, Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018.

to operate, authorities said. Marine police tried to prevent the boat from embarking on the cruise, but they were overwhelmed by the presence of two local princes among the passengers, they said.

"Such boats cannot carry more than 50 people," said lawmaker Johnson Muyan-

ja, who represents part of the district of Mukono, the site of the accident. "Here we don't have limits. Our problem is that we don't have control. The number of people on board was too much compared to the size of the boat."

The steel-built narrow vessel was said to have recently undergone repairs, including patching up holes in the hull. It was in and out of business, its operators allegedly dodging inspectors

who wanted to impound the boat, said Aggrey Bagire, the state minister for transport.

"Out of this calamity we can now take some steps that are solid and punitive," he said. "Someone just buys a yacht and puts it on the water, without having registered it, without taking it for inspection. There is impunity."

The boat had gone about half its journey when the captain noticed the hull

was "taking in water very quickly from welded spots," said Henry Ategeka, Uganda's principal marine inspector, citing findings from a preliminary investigation. The disaster has shocked many in this East African country where a cruise on Lake Victoria is an increasingly popular weekend activity for young people in Kampala. The boat capsized close to shore, near a Mukono beach resort. Witnesses said they heard people calling for help as they tried to stay afloat and others tried to swim ashore. Many were women.

"They were shouting 'Help us! Help us!' and the boat was sinking very quickly," said Sam Tukei, one of several local men who used fishermen's canoes to rescue people. "By the time the police came we had saved many people."

A stampede ensued when the rescue boats arrived, and at least one man in the rescue party was drowned by the people he had come to help.

"They took him down with them. In the morning, when they found his body, another dead man was still grabbing him," said Maureen Nagawa, speaking of her drowned cousin. □

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6 rebels, 1 soldier killed in Kashmir, sparking protests

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SRINAGAR, India (AP) — Six rebels and an army soldier were killed in a gunbattle in Indian-controlled Kashmir on Sunday, officials said, sparking violent protests by residents seeking an end to Indian rule over the disputed region and leaving a teenage boy dead and 20 people injured.

Indian army spokesman Col. Rajesh Kalia said Indian troops surrounded a village in the southern Shopian area early Sunday, leading to an exchange of gunfire in which six militants were killed.

An army soldier was killed and another wounded in the fighting, he said.



Kashmiri villagers carry the body of killed rebel Khalid Farooq, during his funeral in Shopian village, south of Srinagar, Indian controlled Kashmir, Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018.

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The incident triggered anti-India protests and clashes as hundreds of people marched near the site of the gunbattle in solidarity with rebels as the fighting raged in the area.

A teenage boy was killed and 20 people were injured when troops fired bullets, shotgun pellets and tear gas to confront the stone-throwing protesters, police and residents said. □

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Russian warplanes strike rebels after alleged gas attack

By ALBERT AJI
BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press
DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)

— Russian warplanes attacked rebel-held areas in northern Syria for the first time in weeks on Sunday, as Syrian officials said more than 100 people were treated at hospitals for a suspected poison gas attack in the northern city of Aleppo that Damascus and Moscow blamed on rebels.

The rebels, who have denied carrying out any poison gas attacks, accused the government of trying to undermine a truce reached by Russia and Turkey in September during a summit in the Russian city of Sochi. The targeted area is rebel-held and home to extremist groups opposed to the truce such as the al-Qaida-linked Horas al-Din, which has described the deal as a "great conspiracy," and the Ansar al-Din Front. Russian military spokesman



In this photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA, shows medical staff treating a boy following a suspected chemical attack on his town of al-Khalidiya, in Aleppo, Syria, Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018.

Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov told reporters in Moscow that Russian warplanes destroyed militant positions in northern Syria blaming them for the attack with poison gas on Aleppo.

The latest wave of shelling and airstrikes in northern Syria is the most serious violation of a truce reached by Russia and Turkey that brought relative calm to the country's north for the

past two months. "The planes of Russia's Aerospace Defense Forces carried out strikes on the detected artillery positions of terrorists in the area, from where the shelling of Alep-

po civilians with chemical munitions was conducted late" Saturday, Konashenkov said. Syria's Arab News Agency, SANA, said Syrian troops pounded rebel positions near Aleppo "inflicting heavy losses among terrorists."

SANA said the alleged chemical attack late Saturday was carried out by "terrorist groups positioned in Aleppo countryside" that fired shells containing toxic gases on three neighborhoods in Syria's largest city. Human Rights Watch's Deputy Director for the Middle East and North Africa Lama Fakih said "serious reports of suspected chemical weapon attacks should not be left without investigation." She added that all parties, including the Syrian government and Russia, should facilitate an investigation by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons into the suspected attack in Aleppo. □

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Incoming Mexico gov't: No deal to host US asylum-seekers

By **AMY GUTHRIE**

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's incoming government denied a report Saturday that it plans to allow asylum-seekers to wait in the country while their claims move through U.S. immigration courts, one of several options the Trump administration has been pursuing in negotiations for months. The deal was seen as a way to dissuade thousands of Central American migrants from seeking asylum in the U.S., a process that can take years. In effect, Mexican border towns are already acting as waiting rooms for migrants hoping to start new lives in the U.S. due to bottlenecks at the border.

"There is no agreement of any sort between the incoming Mexican government and the U.S. government," future Interior Minister Olga Sanchez said in a statement.

Hours earlier, The Washington Post quoted her as saying that the incoming administration of Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador had agreed to allow migrants to stay in Mexico as a "short-term solution" while the U.S. considered their applications for asylum. Lopez Obrador will take office on Dec. 1.

The statement shared with The Associated Press said the future government's



In this Aug. 7, 2018 file photo, Mexico's President-elect Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador and incoming Interior Secretary Olga Sanchez attend a meeting on security and national reconciliation, in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

principal concern related to the migrants is their well-being while in Mexico.

The Washington Post reported Saturday that the administration of U.S. President Donald Trump has won support from the Mexican president-elect's team for a plan dubbed "Remain in Mexico."

Sanchez did not explain in the statement why The Washington Post had quoted her as saying there had been agreement.

White House spokesman Hogan Gidley said, "President Trump has developed a strong relationship with

the incoming (Lopez) Obrador Administration, and we look forward to working with them on a wide range of issues."

Stephanie Leutert, director of the Mexico Security Initiative at the University of Texas at Austin, described the Remain in Mexico plan as a strategy to take away the ability of migrants to live and work in the U.S. while cases are processed. "The hope is that asylum seekers will not want to live in (Mexico) for months/years and won't come," Leutert said via Twitter.

U.S. officials have said for

months that they were working with Mexico to find solutions for what they have called a border crisis. One variation, called "Safe Third," would have denied asylum claims on the grounds that asylum seekers had found haven in Mexico. President Enrique Pena Nieto offered thousands of Central Americans asylum on Oct. 26 if they agreed to remain in southern Mexico. Close to 3,000 migrants took Mexico up on the offer.

Sanchez said Saturday that the next government does not plan for Mexico to be-

come a "Safe Third" country.

Approximately 5,000 Central American migrants have arrived in recent days to Tijuana, just south of California, after making their way through Mexico via caravan. But agents at the San Diego port of entry process fewer than 100 claims per day.

Tijuana Mayor Juan Manuel Gastelum on Friday declared a humanitarian crisis in his border city of 1.6 million, which he says is struggling to accommodate the influx. Most of the migrants are camped inside a sports complex, where they face long wait times for food and bathrooms. Hundreds of Tijuana residents have protested their arrival, complaining that recent caravans forced their way into Mexico from Guatemala.

Trump threatened Thursday to shut down the border crossing entirely if his administration determines that Mexico has lost "control" of the situation in Tijuana.

Julieta Vences, a congresswoman with Lopez Obrador's Morena party who is also president of Mexico's congressional migrant affairs commission, told the AP that incoming Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard has been discussing with U.S. officials how to handle a deluge of asylum claims at the border. □



A Venezuelan migrant named Renzo sell arepas, a Venezuelan cornmeal cake, at a street corner in Quito, Ecuador, Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018.

Associated Press

Ecuador: \$550 million needed to respond to Venezuela exodus

Associated Press

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — Officials in Ecuador say it will cost the small South American nation \$550 million to respond to the influx of Venezuelan migrants.

Vice Minister Santiago Chavez said Friday the price of health, education and other services migrants require is quickly adding up.

Chavez made the remarks as leaders from throughout Latin America gathered in

Ecuador's capital to discuss a joint response to the exodus.

The United Nations says more than 3 million Venezuelans have fled their country's economic and humanitarian crisis in recent years, putting a strain on governments throughout the region.

The World Bank recently estimated it will cost Colombia upward of \$1 billion over the next year to tend to the surge of migrants. □

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ORANJESTAD – In the year 1974 a group of enthusiastic people, stimulated by the Netherlands, founded the “Stichting Blindenzorg Aruba” foundation. In 1975 the name was changed to the Papiamentu name “Fundacion Arubano di esnan Visualmente Incapacita,” abbreviated as FAVI, easily recognizable in the community. The name FAVI nowadays is directly linked to the visually impaired. Cetty Baarh, Director of the foundation: “FAVI is for the blind and visually impaired, we are the only one on the island that gives guidance to this group. The objective is to help and guide them with the main purpose to make them happy again. We focus first on happiness because when the person feels good about her or himself again after losing her or his sight, only then we can mean something to them. Only then they accept our help and if they do we concentrate on what they want and need.”

Reintegration into Society

Either the eye specialist or the client initiates to come to FAVI. Next they go to their home to see the situation and register their needs. “What do you want? How is your home situation? Do you have problems at your job? are some of the questions we ask. After that we do a practical visual check with a revalidation therapist. The test is not medical but for us to determine the person's visual capacity. When a person has 30% or less they are considered a visually impaired person.” In general people with a vision above that, they are not accepted. However the exception is when their functional system is not working well, we need to



set a guideline. FAVI has ten workers, the director, two teachers, bus drivers, receptionist, and cleaning lady among others. A revalidation therapist gives all trainings and operates the vision testing. She teaches patients how to work on the computer, typing and does Braille classes for clients and teachers as well.

It does not stop there, as the assistant at the school also has to teach Braille to the parents. There are information briefings to the police school and lectures within the community. The activity coordinator takes care of all social activities like trips to the beach or casino and bus trips, a Christmas celebration or a comedy show visit. The social workers visit the homes of the clients and organize conversational sessions as there are so many topics that the clients have issues with and in this group they talk and find solutions. “Depressions are common with our clients but this group helps them a lot, there is a way out. We focus on what they can still do and on acceptance. If you were able to see before and lose your sight it is really very difficult. When a child is born without sight mostly the parents have problems. We need to teach the child how the world appears and we paint that world. Their social behavior differs often from other children as their senses are more developed and they express in a different way which can cause misunderstandings.

3, 105 Visually Impaired

According to Census Aruba 2010 there are 3,105 visually impaired people. FAVI only has 350 clients, by percentage that is comparable to the Netherlands and Curacao. “They do not look for help easily. The reasons are the taboo, they are embarrassed to get out,

do not want people to know and will try to ignore it, as long as manageable. Other factors are they do not wish to burden the family so they keep themselves isolated”, the director explains. The majority of the clients are visually impaired because of glaucoma or diabetes; for sure 80% of those illnesses are the cause and also age. A smaller group is born with the illness, like premature babies, babies with eye disease or born with cataracts. “Before the age range was 60 and up, but the clients are getting younger, so 50 and up is now applicable but a growing group are young people in their twenties. This is because of the unhealthy eating lifestyle so they get diabetes that can go hand-in-hand with losing sight.”

Reach Out

FAVI visits the doctors to underline the importance of referring clients to them. “We would like to reach everybody, we have the knowledge in-house and the professionals working here. We call on the community to be open to us, even if you do not have this problem yourself, you might know someone in your neighborhood, and friends, family and you help a lot to inform them about us to coax them out of isolation.

Needs

“We would love tourists to come and see our facility to see what we have to offer and interact with clients. Clients are always open to that, so call us and stop by. Every Wednesday we have gym class and we have other classes, it would be great to show you how we work and have you spread the word,” Baarh says. FAVI as a foundation receives a government subsidy, mainly to pay the workers and they have other funds from different donations. “We do activities to get funding and we have collectors. We can only run by that. We are in need of equipment and that is expensive, especially for the blind and visually impaired, like Braille type machines, printers etc. For example we have two blind children on the island that follow regular education completely in Braille, so they have their typing machine for Braille. But the technology is advancing and we need to be able to keep up to make sure these kids can proceed in the regular system.” □

If you would like to visit the foundation, please call + (297) 582-5222 or 582-5051 and ask for Cetty Baarh. If you would like to donate, the bank account is RBC Bank 31 36 6122 or Arubabank 7024380290. For more information visit the website: <http://www.favi-aruba.org/> or Facebook: FAVI. Thank You!

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ORANJESTAD — Financial inclusion is the pursuit of making financial services accessible at affordable costs to all individuals and businesses. As such, it forms an integral part of Aruba's economic development and lays the foundation for financial wellbeing of its community. The Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) will be conducting a survey related to financial inclusion for the first time during the period of November 19 through December 17, 2018.

Through this survey, the CBA aims to acquire valuable information on the level of access to and usage of financial products and services by individuals. The data obtained will help the CBA in determining its policy with respect to fostering financial inclusion in Aruba.

To help the CBA gather these important data, a group of designated interviewers will visit a sample of households in Aruba on behalf of the CBA. The interviewers will receive an identification badge with the CBA logo to identify themselves. These interviewers have the obligation to hold all information received as confidential. The CBA realizes that a part of the information requested may be sensitive, and therefore, stresses that this survey is completely anonymous. It guarantees that all information received will be treated strictly confidential and only used for statistical purposes and further enhancing of CBA policies.

The CBA hopes that the community will participate in this survey. For further information on this topic, please contact Ms. Elmelynn Croes, Economist at the Research Department of the CBA and also project leader of this survey, at tel. 5252230 or via e-mail: e.croes@cbaruba.org.



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Asi Es Mi Peru restaurant launches Chef Table 5 Course Menu: “It feels like having dinner at home in Peru”



EAGLE BEACH - Peruvian-born Roxanna Salinas is the proud owner of a restaurant that without doubt serves the purest Peruvian specialties in Aruba: Asi Es Mi Peru at Paradise Beach Villas. She herself welcomes you in 'her home' as that is how the restaurant is described by Peruvian foodies: Food like home, for sure the best compliment a restaurant can get. “Everything here is 100 % Peruvian, we are authentic and ethnic.” Peru by the way is considered to be the single most important cuisine in Latin America with a repertoire of dishes that might even beat France. Many big-name chefs travel to the country to get inspired.

How It All Started

“Many years ago during a Christmas gathering with family my mom told me why I did not open a Peruvian restaurant in Aruba. She said: who does not love Peruvian food?” That was the trigger for the start because Roxanne loves cooking, it is in her genes. Her mom and grandmother were great cooks. “My base principle was to do everything original and authentic. When guests come to this restaurant I want to serve them the food as if you were dining the best dishes in a house in Peru. The taste is equal, nothing is fused or changed. Many Peruvians that come here say: I feel like I am having dinner



at home. It is very difficult to please Peruvians as naturally they know best what is authentic.” To find her Chef and Sous Chef she went to Peru where she interviewed 190 applicants. “We had more than 400 people that applied, after a screening that my brother and I did, we were left with 190 and out of them 10 cooked for me. I gave them a basket with ingredients and a certain plate they had to cook. Based on that I chose the Chef and Sous Chef.”

Chef Table 5 Course Menu

Peruvian food is remarkable for the diversity of its ingredients. It might be best known for its ceviche, the marinated seafood dish, but bestsellers are also Lomo Saltado (stir fry strips sirloin), seafood rice and Pescado a lo Macho (fish of the day). Roxanne explains that recently the Chef launched a 5-course Chef Table Menu. “Now that we have standardized our typical Peruvian cuisine, we are ready to take it to the next level. Our Chef is very knowledgeable and we bring higher cuisine to the table.” Of the 5 courses the first is the Tiradito Tres Regiones, and the 2nd the Majao de Yuca con Pargo Escabechado paired with a wonderful Santiago Ruiz Albarino; The 3rd plate is a Cremosa de Quinoa con Aji Relleno paired with a Hahn Pinot Noir, the 4th the Lomo con Salsa de Hongos Andinos paired with a Merlot Santa Margarita, and the 5th a Crocante de Maracuya. Try this wonderful culinary experience!



Roxanne explains that the Peruvian food is influenced by different cultures. “A lot of people came from China to work in the sugar plantations, Japanese came to work in the rice fields and African immigrants brought their influences as well... that's why you see a fusion in the dishes. The typical food and plates from Peru mixed with these influences make up for an excellent cuisine. Our sushi for example is totally different than the standard sushi and we have so many pastas that are outside of Italian pastas. The variety of corn, more than 500 variety of potatoes... I can go on and on.” I guess you will need to try it for yourself as Roxanne's place is unique. Asi Es Mi Peru is open every day from 12 noon - 10:30 pm. They are closed on Monday evening. Have a peak on their website <https://www.asiesmiperuenaruba.com/> or Facebook [así es mi Perú](https://www.facebook.com/asiesmiperu). □

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The Petruccelli family celebration their 49th wedding anniversary



Many families have been coming to Aruba for many decades and this family is one of them. They told me that they feel at home on Aruba and made so many friends over the last decades coming almost twice a year to Aruba. This is a shot I took from last week's photo shoot.

Cas di habrei and the Divi Divi tree



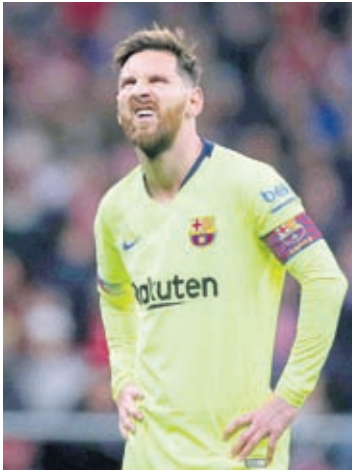
Cas di habrei means, a house with a front porch. Not all the houses have a front porch but this house at Ayo has a Hadrei! The tree in front of this house is the "Palo di Divi Divi" or the Libidibia Coriaria. As kids growing up we used the fruit of the Divi Divi tree as glue to make kites in the month of April for Queen Birthday Celebration. The fruits can also be used to cure leather. One of the local name for Divi Divi tree is the Watapana.

Kwihi at Mangel Halto



Aruba has 48 native trees and the Kwihi is one of them. It's a very fast growing tree and is home of the famous Aruban iguana. The kwihi tree is the best for making firewood and the locals also use it to make many island souvenirs sold in many hotels.

SPORTS



Barcelona's Lionel Messi reacts during a Spanish La Liga soccer match between Atletico Madrid and FC Barcelona at the Metropolitano stadium in Madrid, Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018.

Associated Press

Sevilla takes Spanish league lead with win over Valladolid

By TALES AZZONI
AP Sports Writer

MADRID (AP) — A day after seeing its rivals falter, Sevilla took care of business. Sevilla moved past Atletico Madrid and Barcelona to go top of the Spanish league by beating Valladolid 1-0 on Sunday.

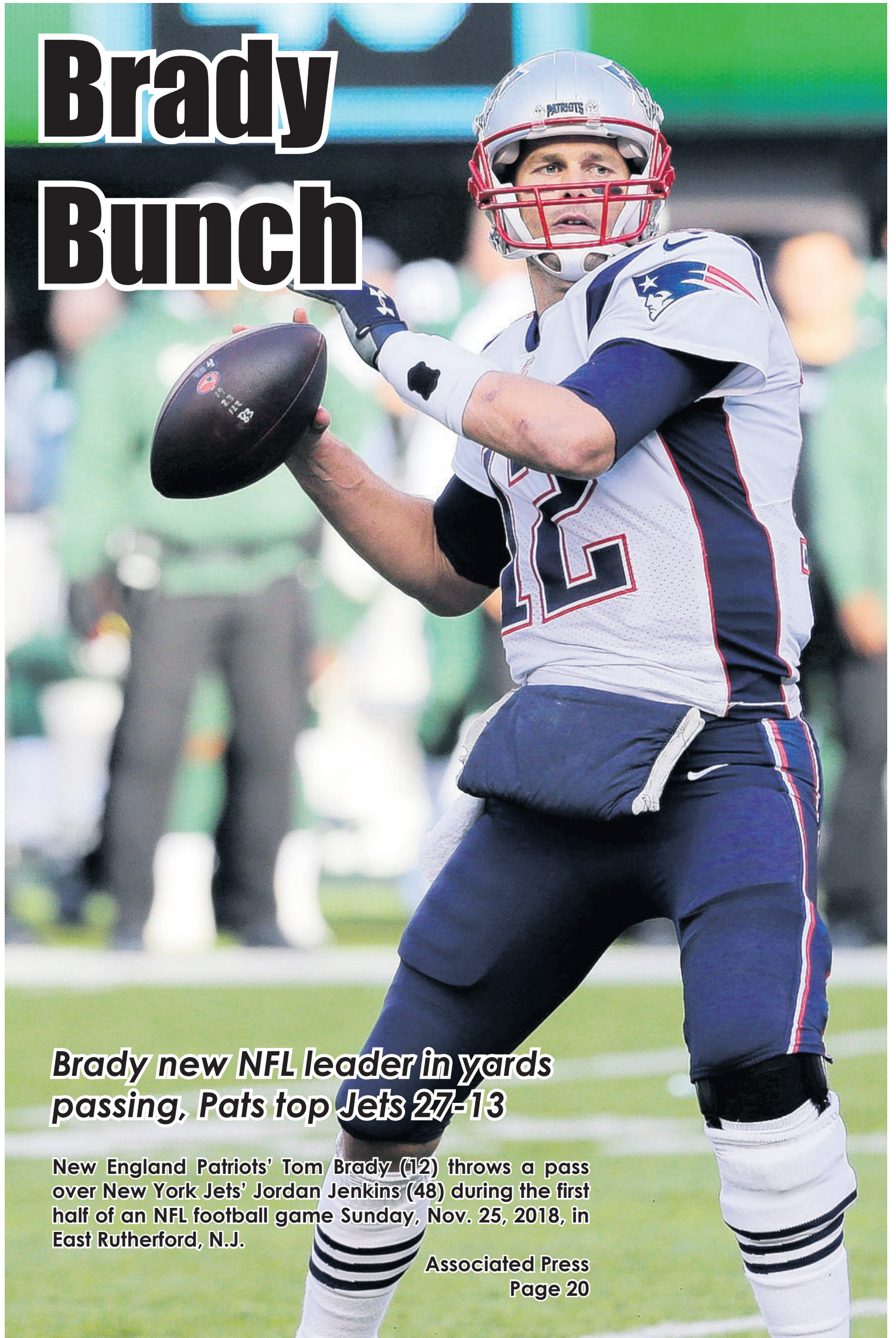
Atletico and Barcelona had played to a 1-1 draw on Saturday, opening the way for Sevilla to take the lead with a home win.

"We have to enjoy this," Sevilla coach Pablo Machin said. "We have to enjoy it for now, and then we will get back to preparing for the difficulties that lie ahead."

Sevilla also benefited from setbacks by other teams near the top of the standings. Alaves had a chance to go top on Friday but lost 1-0 at Leganes, while Real Madrid is sixth after a shock 3-0 defeat at Eibar on Saturday.

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Brady Bunch



Brady new NFL leader in yards passing, Pats top Jets 27-13

New England Patriots' Tom Brady (12) throws a pass over New York Jets' Jordan Jenkins (48) during the first half of an NFL football game Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018, in East Rutherford, N.J.

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Sevilla snatches La Liga lead

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Sevilla, which had already led the league after the eighth round, has 26 points from 13 matches, one point more than Barcelona and two more than Atletico. Fourth-place Alaves is three points back.

"We knew we had an opportunity today and we took advantage of it," said forward Andre Silva, who scored Sevilla's winner. "This the result of our hard work day after day. We have to try to keep it up." Looking to avoid its own setback, Sevilla controlled the match from the start at Ramon Sanchez-Pizjuan Stadium. It didn't create many significant scoring chances but was always

closest to scoring. Silva got the winner with a 30th-minute header after a well-placed cross by Pablo Sarabia, giving Sevilla its seventh straight home win in all competitions. It was the eighth league goal for the Portuguese forward who hadn't scored for Sevilla in five matches.

Valladolid had a 74th-minute goal disallowed for offside, and its biggest chance was a stoppage-time shot by substitute Enes Unal that forced a difficult save by Sevilla goalkeeper Tomas Vaclik.

The team owned by former Brazil striker Ronaldo hasn't won in two matches and dropped to 12th.

ATHLETIC'S WOES

Athletic Bilbao's struggles

continued with a 1-1 home draw against midtable Getafe, extending its winless streak to 12 matches.

The result left Athletic with 11 points from 13 matches, just inside the relegation zone.

The Basque Country club hasn't won since the league's first round in August, enduring eight draws and four losses since then. It opened the scoring with a goal by defender Peru Nolascoain in the 67th, but Jaime Mata equalized for the visitors in the 77th.

It could have been worse for Athletic if Getafe had been awarded a penalty kick late in stoppage time after Mata was held by a defender inside the area, but the referee ended the



Caption= Barcelona's Ousmane Dembele, left, scores his side's opening goal during a Spanish La Liga soccer match between Atletico Madrid and FC Barcelona at the Metropolitano stadium in Madrid, Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018.

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match before a video review.

Getafe, winless in three matches, sits 11th in the standings.

REAL BETIS STUMBLES

Real Betis followed its win against Barcelona at Camp Nou Stadium with a 2-1 loss at Villarreal, and

remained near the bottom of the standings. Gerard Moreno and Samuel Chukwueze scored goals two minutes apart early in the second half to give Villarreal its first win in six matches in all competitions, moving three points clear of the relegation zone. □

Hanifan, Jankowski lead Flames to 6-1 romp over Arizona



Calgary Flames defenseman Noah Hanifan (55) celebrates his short-handed goal against the Arizona Coyotes with Flames right wing Garnet Hathaway (21) and center Mark Jankowski (77) as Coyotes right wing Christian Fischer (36) skates past during the first period of an NHL hockey game Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018, in Glendale, Ariz.

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By BOB BAUM
AP Sports Writer

GLENDAL, Ariz. (AP) — Noah Hanifan and Mark Jankowski each scored twice, former Coyotes goalie Mike Smith just missed his 38th career shutout and the Calgary Flames routed Arizona 6-1 on Sunday.

Smith, making his first start in five games, made 28 saves in his first win since Nov. 1.

Calgary led 6-0 before Clayton Keller scored for Arizona with 6:16 remaining.

Three of the Flames' goals were short-handed. The Coyotes have allowed five short-handed goals in their last two games.

Sean Monahan and T.J. Brodie also scored for Calgary. The Flames rebounded from a loss at Las Vegas on Friday night and have won four of five. Arizona has lost four in a row, counting in overtime loss, and has been outscored 11-2 in the two games since goalie Antti Raanta returned after missing eight games with a lower-body injury. □



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New England Bounces Back With 27-13 Road Victory



New England Patriots' Julian Edelman (11) runs past New York Jets' Morris Claiborne (21) for a touchdown as Jordan Jenkins (48) and Rob Gronkowski (87) watch during the second half of an NFL football game Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018, in East Rutherford, N.J.

By **DENNIS WASZAK Jr.**
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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)
 — Tom Brady set yet another NFL record. Ho-hum. The New England Patriots quar-

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terback was more excited about earning another victory. Brady threw two touchdown passes and became the career leader in total

yards passing in regular-season and playoff games, leading the Patriots past the New York Jets 27-13 on Sunday.

"Just wins," Brady said. "That's what we're here for. I'm trying to be a part of as many of these as I can." Well, the five-time Super Bowl champion certainly has lots of those.

The latest clinched the Patriots (8-3) their 18th straight season with a .500 record or better. That ranks second in NFL history to only Dallas, which had 21 in a row from 1965-85.

Brady had just one TD throw in his previous three games, but connected with Rob Gronkowski and Julian Edelman against the AFC East-rival Jets (3-8). The Patriots quarterback went 20

of 31 for 283 yards, giving him 79,416 for his career.

He also reached 3,000 yards passing for the 16th straight season, tying Peyton Manning for second in NFL history behind Brett Favre's 18. That's all after missing Friday's practice with an illness after being limited during the week with a sore knee. "I'd prefer to be healthy and practice all the time," Brady said. "That just wasn't the case."

He was plenty good enough.

Rookie Sony Michel ran for a season-best 133 yards and a TD, and the Patriots had 216 yards rushing — responding well to coach Bill Belichick's challenge to his offense.

"We talked about being consistent week in and week out," Michel said, "playing Patriots football, being physical and run the ball and throw the ball and control the line of scrimmage."

Coming off a 34-10 loss to Tennessee two weeks ago, the Patriots avoided their second two-game losing streak of the season — something the franchise hasn't experienced since 2015. New England, which improved to 3-3 on the road, has won five straight in the series against New York and eight of the past nine.

With Jets rookie Sam Darnold out with a foot strain, 39-year-old backup Josh McCown got his second straight start — making this game the NFL's second-oldest QB combo at 80 years, 258 days with 41-year-old Brady going for New England. Only Carolina's Vinny Testaverde (44) and Green Bay's Favre (38) in 2007 are an older combination at 82 years, 44 days old.

Brady got the better of McCown in this one, though, even though it took until late in the second half for the Patriots to pull away.

"We were not great in the red area, but we made enough plays," Brady said. "In every area, I think we can do a better job. We're certainly not where we want to be and we'll keep

building for it. Hopefully, everyone can stay healthy."

Brady connected with Edelman for a 21-yard touchdown that put the Patriots ahead 20-13 with 1:52 left in the third quarter. The drive opened with a 27-yard reception by Chris Hogan, followed by a 27-yard run by James White. Brady found a wide-open Edelman, who ran through a tackle attempt by Jamal Adams and got into the end zone.

Michel added a 1-yard touchdown run with 8:54 left, one play after a video review reversed his TD run; his right knee was down before he reached the goal line. The score put the Patriots up 27-13 and sent many Jets fans streaming toward the exits.

McCown was 26 of 45 for 276 yards and a touchdown to Jermaine Kearse with one interception for the Jets, who have lost five straight for the first time since the 2014 season.

"It (stinks)," McCown said. "It's obviously not ideal. I think individually, it's a test — a test of who you are and what you're about and your ability to get back up come back to work, work hard and be a professional. Those things are tested in these times."

JETS UP EARLY

The Jets took a 7-0 lead in the opening quarter on McCown's 16-yard pass to Kearse, who made a nice move on defensive back Jonathan Jones before zipping into the end zone. The drive was helped by 19-yard catches by Chris Herndon and Isaiah Crowell, and a roughing-the-passer call on Deatrich Wise Jr. on a third-down play.

But the Patriots came right back to tie it on Brady's 34-yard pass to Gronkowski.

White was called for offensive pass interference on third-and-2 from the Jets 24, and coach Todd Bowles took the penalty rather than the down. So, on third-and-12, Brady fired a strike to Gronkowski, who made the grab and looked plenty healthy after missing the past two games with back and ankle issues. □

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World champion Hamilton wins season-ending Abu Dhabi GP

By JEROME PUGMIRE

AP Sports Writer

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) —

World champion Lewis Hamilton coasted to victory from pole position at the year-ending Abu Dhabi Grand Prix on Sunday, and in doing so equaled his personal best for a season with his 11th win of the campaign. Having already secured a fifth F1 title, the British Mercedes driver beat Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel at the Yas Marina circuit to secure the 73rd win of his career. He is contracted to Mercedes for the next two years at least, giving him a realistic chance of matching Michael Schumacher's F1 record of 91 GP wins. Vettel is third all-time with 52, and did not look like adding to that in a race controlled by his rival.

"I wanted to finish on a high. The team has done an exceptional job all year," said Hamilton, who stripped down to the waist on the podium and pointed to a tattoo on his back. "I wanted to show 'Still I Rise' on my back," said Hamilton, referring to a poem by writer and civil rights activist Maya Angelou.

It was a symbolic finish to a season where, again, Hamilton showed his superiority under pressure to beat Vettel into second place overall for the second straight



Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain leads at the first corner after the start during the Emirates Formula One Grand Prix at the Yas Marina racetrack in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018.

year. Red Bull driver Max Verstappen finished third in the race ahead of teammate Daniel Ricciardo for a fifth straight podium.

Verstappen overtook Hamilton's teammate Valtteri Bottas to finish fourth overall behind Kimi Raikkonen, who retired early into his final race for Ferrari.

Verstappen and Ricciardo made light work of overtaking Bottas, who finished fifth, raising questions again about the Finnish driver's ability to withstand pressure in a season where he has not won.

Veteran Spanish driver Fernando Alonso placed 11th

with McLaren in his last F1 race with the team. The two-time F1 champion is pursuing other racing interests. "It's been an honor and a privilege to race in the same era as him," Hamilton said. "The sport will miss him, we will miss him."

The race was held up after a spectacular crash on Lap 1 involving French driver Romain Grosjean and Nico Hulkenberg, who was sent tumbling into the barriers and finally settled upside down. Hulkenberg was unharmed and eventually climbed out.

Grosjean has a reputation as one of F1's more reckless

— or adventurous — drivers. He caused the crash by clipping the right rear tire of Hulkenberg's Renault, sending it tipping upward, barreling over and sliding on its back. As some smoke billowed from the car, a fearful-sounding Hulkenberg urged his team to get him out fast.

"I'm hanging here like a cow," he said. "There's fire. There's fire."

A concerned Grosjean asked about Hulkenberg's condition on his radio. Stewards took no action against Grosjean, deeming it a racing incident.

"I was very sorry for him, but

there was nowhere I could go," Grosjean said.

After a few moments, Hulkenberg's Renault was tipped over the right way and the German driver climbed out unassisted. His car was crane-lifted off the track. The incident held up the race for a few laps, with drivers forced to slow down behind a safety car, until the race resumed on Lap 5. Verstappen and Esteban Ocon tangled on track once again, continuing their feud from Brazil two weeks ago where Verstappen fell from first place to second after being tagged by Ocon. This time they narrowly avoided touching cars as they fought for space. Raikkonen's race ended on Lap 6 when his car had a power cut. The Finnish driver, who is joining Sauber next year, trudged back to the team garage. With the halfway point in the 55-lap race approaching, there was a rare sight as rain briefly fell on the desert track. Ricciardo, by this point, was in the lead and about 5 seconds clear of Hamilton but had yet to change tires. He eventually did so with 21 laps to go, and Hamilton regained the lead ahead of Vettel and Bottas in third but Verstappen pressing behind him. Once again, Bottas failed to properly defend his position. □

Boca wants Copa Libertadores final suspension after attack

By LUIS ANDRES HENAO

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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

(AP) — Boca Juniors requested the suspension of the Copa Libertadores final against River Plate, which is currently set to be played later Sunday, and also that South American's soccer body CONMEBOL sanctions their archrivals for the incident.

The second leg of the final was postponed 24 hours to Sunday after Boca players were injured when their bus was attacked by River fans with rocks and sticks on Saturday.

Boca said in a statement



Ramón Abila of Argentina's Boca Juniors waits with his team on the pitch of the Antonio Vespucio Libertad stadium after the final soccer match of the Copa Libertadores was rescheduled for Sunday, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018.

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that it told CONMEBOL the two Buenos Aires teams

would not be playing under equal conditions after

the attack. Team captain Pablo Perez had an eye injured by shattered glass and would likely be ruled out for the match.

Boca also said it wants River to be punished after the attack near the Monumental de Nunez stadium. The club wants CONMEBOL to consider River's disqualification from the tournament because of the behavior of its fans.

The South American soccer body is yet to respond to the request. River has opened the stadium's gates as scheduled.

On Saturday CONMEBOL doctors said there were no medical reasons to suspend

the match. CONMEBOL President Alejandro Dominguez disagreed and accepted the postponement 10 minutes before kickoff. Several Boca players were injured by the attack and some also suffered the consequences of police use of tear gas and pepper spray outside the vehicle.

Boca captain Pablo Perez and teenager Gonzalo Lamardo were taken to nearby hospitals, where fans gathered in support. Perez had injuries to his arms and an eye, according to images of Boca's locker room shared on social media. Lamardo had trouble breathing because of the gas. □

England close in on historic sweep of Sri Lanka

By REX CLEMENTINE

Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)

— England are six wickets away from a historic 3-0 whitewash of Sri Lanka after reducing the hosts to 54-4 at stumps on day three of the third test at Sinhalese Sports Club on Sunday.

Having set the hosts an improbable target of 327, England bowlers ran through the Sri Lankan top order. Off-spinner Moeen Ali, who shared the new ball with Stuart Broad, dismissed both openers.

Danushka Gunathilaka (6) was caught at first slip by Ben Stokes while Dimuth Karunaratne was clean bowled for 23.

Jack Leach claimed a wicket in his third ball of the innings when he dismissed first-innings half-centurion Dhananjaya de Silva for no score. Ben Stokes dismissed Angelo Mathews with a short ball having got him out in the same fashion in the first innings. Mathews



England's Ben Stokes reacts as he attempts to field a ball during the third day of the third test cricket match between Sri Lanka and England in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018.

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pulled a delivery without control and Broad at short mid-wicket took a terrific diving catch.

Sri Lanka were ruing the dismissal of their premier batsman with four balls left to the close of play.

Kusal Mendis was unbeaten on 15 with nightwatchman Lakshan Sandakan on one.

England, who had a first innings lead of 96 runs, made 230 all out in their second

innings.

England had a poor start, losing four wickets for 39 in the first hour of the morning session before Jos Buttler and Ben Stokes staged a recovery.

Buttler top scored with 64 runs having successfully reviewed after being given out leg before wicket when on 27.

Stokes, who was twice dismissed off no-balls by Lakshan Sandakan for over-

stepping the line, went on to post 42 runs.

Stokes and Buttler shared an 89-run partnership for the fifth wicket.

"It would be a fantastic achievement. We spoke a lot in the build up to the match. That was the focus of the side. We've stuck to what we wanted to do and we have to turn up tomorrow with the same plans," Buttler said when asked about his team completing a 3-0 whitewash.

"Pre-series I am sure Sri Lanka were favourites having beaten South Africa in that two-match series before. It's a great accolade for us. It's been a fantastic environment in the dressing room. I feel as a group everyone pulling in the same direction, enjoying each other's company, pushing each other," Buttler added. Wicketkeeper batsman Ben Foakes, who added 44 for the eighth wicket with Adil Rashid (24), was unbeaten on 36.

Foakes playing in his debut series made significant contributions finishing with 277 runs in six innings at an average of 69, the most by a batsman from either side. Dilruwan Perera finished with a five-wicket haul, his eighth in test cricket.

Sri Lanka's spin bowling coach Piyal Wijetunga was asked about his spinners' problems with overstepping. "In fact this is something new for us as well. This is the first time it has happened with Sandakan. Perhaps he was trying too hard and trying to get bounce off the wicket. That is not an excuse. We must work on that," Wijetunga said.

England won the first test by 211 runs and sealed the series at Pallekele with a 57-run win. It was their first win in Sri Lanka in 17 years.

England is closing on a 3-0 series sweep. Only two other teams — Australia in 2004 and India in 2017 — had achieved the milestone in Sri Lanka. □

Belgium hangs on for 3-stroke win at World Cup of Golf

By DENNIS PASSA

AP Sports Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia

(AP) — Thomas Pieters and Thomas Detry of Belgium lifted the World Cup of Golf trophy on Sunday. They may have won it on Friday.

The Belgians had a few anxious moments on the back nine Sunday but held on to shoot a 4-under 68 and claim a three-stroke win, despite a determined late run by Australia and Mexico. The sunny skies and lack of wind on Sunday was a far cry from Friday, when driving rain and gusty winds meant there were more scores in the 80s than in the 60s.

Belgium shot 71 on Friday, tied for the low score of the day and one of only four scores under par, and shared the lead going into the third round. Many golfers said the Friday conditions were the worst they had ever played in.



Belgium's Thomas Detry, left, and Thomas Pieters pose with the winning trophy during the World Cup of Golf in Melbourne, Australia, Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018.

Pieters and Detry shot 63 in much-improved weather on Saturday in the four-balls (best ball) and took a five-stroke lead into the final round of foursomes at Metropolitan.

From there, it was a case of hanging on for the \$1.12 million in prize money they each received.

"It was a long back nine" Pieters said while surrounded by family, friends and

fans, some with Belgian flags stuck on their heads, just off the 18th green.

Australia's Marc Leishman and Cameron Smith pulled to within two strokes late in the round, thanks to

holing out from the bunker for a birdie by Smith and a 12-foot par save on the next hole by Leishman.

"Belgium was clearly the best team all week," Leishman said. "When you come up against someone like that, we did what we had to do to put the pressure on and they were just too good."

If there was any doubt, Pieters' approach to four feet on the 18th set up a final birdie by Detry to give the Belgians a 23-under total of 265.

"We were both nervous at times, but to finish with a birdie was special," said Pieters. Leishman and Smith shot 65. Mexico's Abraham Ancer, who won last week's Australian Open, and his partner Roberto Diaz, playing in the last group with Belgium, shot 66 and also pulled to within two strokes of the lead but finished tied with the Australians for second. □

Cilic stays in control as Croatia wins Davis Cup

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN

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LILLE, France (AP) — After an agonizing defeat in Croatia's previous Davis Cup final, there was no letdown for Marin Cilic this time.

Cilic was two sets up against Juan Martin del Potro two years ago in Zagreb, with Croatia leading Argentina 2-1 on the final day, when his game collapsed as the South Americans fought back and ultimately won the final.

This weekend in northern France, Cilic did not give even a glimmer of hope to his French opponents that they could stage a comeback of their own.

On the indoor clay court set up inside the Lille soccer stadium and in front of a hostile crowd, the former U.S. Open champion was ruthless and composed. His clinical display on Sunday secured a 7-6 (3), 6-3, 6-3 win over Lucas Pouille to give Croatia a 3-1 victory over defending champion France in the best-of-five series. Both teams agreed not to play the final rubber. Cilic said his loss to Del Potro hadn't been a distraction but he was relieved to finally add the Davis Cup trophy to his list of trophies. "I was always sleeping well, so no problem, but I'm happy that I played so well this weekend," the 30-year-old Cilic said.

While Argentina was able to fight back, the French didn't have the weapons required. The hosts won the doubles but were thrashed in straight sets in the three singles matches played against Cilic and Borna Co-



The Croatia's team captain Zeljko Krajan, left, and players lift up the cup after the team won the Davis Cup final between France and Croatia Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018 in Lille, northern France.

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ric.

"Look at the statistics from Borna and I, in three matches we did not lose a serve, it says much about our level and how well we played," said Cilic, who finally tasted success in the team event 12 years after his debut. "We were both in a great form at the right time."

Cilic lived up to his status of team leader. After beating Pouille, he was surrounded by the whole Croatian team on the court and covered his shoulders with the Croatian flag. The country's president, Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic, warmly hugged him.

"It's not every day that you become a world champion," Cilic said. "For us, it's a dream come true, for this

nation, we are so passionate, you can see the fans. And I feel that in Croatia it's going to be incredible too."

Croatia won the Davis Cup for a second time, after victory in 2005, and denied France an 11th crown.

"They destroyed us," France captain Yannick Noah said. "They did not give us a single break."

The final was played for the last time in its traditional format. Beginning next year, the top team event in men's tennis will be decided with a season-ending, 18-team tournament at a neutral site.

After Nicolas Mahut and Pierre-Hugues Herbert won Saturday's doubles, France trailed 2-1 and needed to

win both reverse singles on the final day to become the first team since 1939 — when Australia beat the United States — to overturn a 2-0 deficit in a final.

But their hopes of a comeback were quickly dashed. The seventh-ranked Cilic struggled with his first serve in the opening set but gradually found his rhythm while Pouille started well but quickly faded.

Pouille, who replaced Jeremy Chardy after Noah changed his lineup in a bid to force a decisive fifth match, made repeated mistakes on his backhand. Pouille hit a total of 44 unforced errors, compared to Cilic's 29.

The Frenchman, who wrapped up France's 10th

Davis Cup title last year by winning the decisive point against Belgium, managed to stay in contention on the back of his strong serve and some clever drop shots that surprised Cilic, but his Croat rival raised his level in the tiebreaker. Cilic won four straight points to seal the set, including a thunderous forehand pass that left Pouille stranded.

Pouille's level of play then dropped drastically while Cilic kept up the intensity and broke for a 4-2 lead in the second set. Pouille managed to save four set points in the eight game with a series of good serves before Cilic held his next service game to seal the set with a crosscourt forehand.

Despite the support of the vociferous French fans at the Pierre Mauroy stadium, Pouille appeared powerless in the third set and dropped his serve again in the fifth game after yet another backhand error that sealed his fate. The Frenchman saved two match points at 5-3 but was forced to watch when Cilic unleashed a superb lob that secured another break and the title.

"This is one of the best teams we ever had, it's like a dream team," Croatia captain Zeljko Krajan said. "After seven years on the bench, it's an honor for me to be here."

My singles players not only didn't lose a set, they didn't lose serve in three matches which is an unbelievable achievement and shows you the quality that we produced." □

Shiffrin wins another World Cup slalom at Killington

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KILLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — Mikaela Shiffrin powered through the fog in Killington on Sunday to win her third straight World Cup slalom race at the venue.

The 23-year-old from Colorado overcame tiny mistakes and got stronger near the finish with the home

crowd cheering. Shiffrin finished in a combined time of 1 minute, 43.25 seconds to edge Petra Vlhova of Slovakia by 0.57 seconds. Sweden's Frida Hansdotter finished third.

This was World Cup slalom win No. 34 for Shiffrin, tying her with Vreni Schneider for second among women in

the discipline.

The record of 35 is held by Austria's Marlies Schild, one of Shiffrin's childhood favorites.

Shiffrin has been a pillar of consistency in slalom. Over her last 31 World Cup slalom races, she's been on the podium 29 times, including 25 wins. □



United States' Mikaela Shiffrin competes during the first run of the alpine ski, women's World Cup slalom in Killington, Vt., Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018.

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Amazon HQ expansion means tough fight for talent

By **ALEXANDRA OLSON**
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — When tech giants like Amazon expand, other companies don't just worry about losing business. They also fret about hanging on to their employees.

Some of the industries that have defined New York City and the Washington, D.C., area will face increased competition for talent when Amazon sets up shop in their territory, with plans to hire 50,000 new workers amid the tightest job market in decades.

The expansion comes at time of fierce demand for computer programmers, mobile app developers, data scientists and cybersecurity experts. Salaries keep rising as companies from banks to retailers seek new technology professionals to expand their online presence and automate operations. Particularly in demand are software developers, with many switching jobs each year. Even some banks have eased up on their dress codes to project a hipper image.

"It's a very competitive market in New York," said William Lynch, president of the New York-based fitness tech company Peloton. "It really requires you to be smart about how you are reaching the new hiring pipeline."

Tech employment in the U.S. has grown by an average of 200,000 new jobs each year since 2010, a trend that is expected to continue for at least the next decade, according to an industry report from Computing Technology Industry Association, or CompTIA, which analyzes data from the Labor Department and other sources. The figure includes all

people employed by tech companies, as well as tech professionals in other industries.

In New York, big banks are among the biggest employers of computer technology professionals. J.P. Morgan Chase employs 50,000 people in technol-

now is a surge of interest in tech companies," said Dan Wang, a professor of Business and Sociology at Columbia University.

Amazon will begin recruiting in a few months for its two new headquarters in New York's Long Island City and the Washington suburb

New York City.

Amazon, now 24 years old, will have to contend with New York's thriving startup scene, where companies flush with venture capital offer young people big roles and the chance to upend new industries. That's the kind of pitch

The scramble for talent goes beyond tech workers. Technology companies employ more than 3.7 million people in supporting roles like marketing and financing, according to CompTIA.

That panorama is top of mind for people like Dimple Bansal, a business graduate student at Columbia University who is focusing her studies on technology strategy. Last spring, she took an internship at Airbnb and over the summer she interned at Google.

"Tech is a growing landscape. I think it's exciting to bridge the divide between pure technology skills, and to bring the business mindset to these companies that are touching so many lives," said Bansal, 27.

Financial institutions have stepped up their recruiting strategies, trying to present their companies as innovation hubs for products from mobile apps to AI solutions for fraud reduction.

J.P. Morgan announced plans earlier this year to open a financial technology campus in California's Bay Area. Goldman holds online coding challenges as part of its recruitment efforts and launched an in-house incubator to allow employees to develop ideas.

Wang, the Columbia professor, said startup fashion brands could benefit from partnerships if Amazon leverages its New York location to venture into the luxury market. But Wang said that could mean a competition for workers from rivals like Walmart-owned Jet.com, which currently has job openings for dozens of engineers in its New Jersey headquarters, across the Hudson River from New York. □



This May 20, 2015, file photo, shows New York's Financial District, foreground, the Brooklyn Bridge and East River, center, and in the distance Brooklyn as seen from the observatory at One World Trade Center.

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ogy and hired its first artificial intelligence research chief in May. Goldman Sachs has said one-quarter of its employees work in engineering-related roles. Amazon's traditional retail rivals are striving to expand their online business and develop new technologies to improve operational efficiency.

But young professionals are flocking to tech companies, lured by the idea of changing the way people do everything from buying homes to exercising.

"In the past, the traditional career path has been to go into financial services, investment banking and consulting. What we see

of Arlington, seeking talent to support an empire that has expanded to include cloud computing services, advertising and, video streaming and TV production. The company expects to hire about 25,000 people over several years for each location. The average salary will be about \$150,000 a year.

Amazon's move is only the most dramatic example of technology companies expanding their presence in the East Coast. Instagram opened a new office in New York over the summer and plans to hire hundreds of engineers. Google is reportedly looking to add 12,000 more employees in

prospective employees hear from Peloton, which announced plans Monday to move into bigger headquarters in midtown Manhattan in 2020. The fitness tech company, which received \$550 million in new investment in August, will be hiring thousands of people across locations in the next years, especially in technology, marketing and sales, said Lynch, the company president. It currently has nearly 100 positions open in New York City.

"We are aware of Amazon and it's amazing for New York City. But Google has been here. We've been recruiting against Google for a long time," Lynch said.

Markets Q&A: Stocks slide into another 'correction'

By ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

For the second time this year, stocks have gone into what's known on Wall Street as a correction — a drop of 10 percent or more from a recent high.

As of Friday's close, the benchmark S&P 500 index has dropped 298 points, or 10.2 percent, since reaching a record high on Sept. 20. After a furious decline in October, stocks steadied in early November, but the selling picked up again the past two weeks as investors abandoned high-flying technology stocks amid concerns about the U.S.-China trade dispute and global economic growth and bailed on energy stocks as the price of oil plunged.

According to research firm CFRA, this is the first time since World War II that the S&P 500 has had two corrections in the same calendar year, though there have been a few times where it experienced corrections within 12 months of each other.

The stock market is still enjoying the longest bull market in history although some of the conditions that sustained it have changed, including an increase in interest rates to more normal levels after the Federal Reserve helped keep that at historical lows for years.

"Corrections are normal, but they haven't been normal during this period of the Federal Reserve bringing interest rates down to near zero for so many years," said Quincy Krosby, chief market strategist at Prudential Financial.

Here's a look at what history shows about past corrections, and what market watchers are expecting going forward.

Q: How bad is this market drop?

A: The latest drop isn't as breathtaking as the one in February, when the S&P 500 lost 10.2 percent in just nine days. Only 19 times since World War II has the S&P 500 lost at least 10 percent in 10 days or fewer.

Still, the return of volatile trading and the S&P 500's



In this Nov. 19, 2018, file photo a trader follows a chart at the New York Stock Exchange.

latest slide into a correction caught many investors by surprise. The benchmark index didn't record a single gain or decline of 1 percent or more in the third quarter. That was similar to the calm seen in 2017, when the market drifted higher gradually and finished up 19.4 percent.

Q: What happened after the last correction?

A: The stock market recovered some losses then fell again due to uncertainty over global trade disputes. Eventually, investors focused on soaring corporate profits, fueled by the GOP tax cuts, and robust economic growth in the U.S. and the S&P 500 rose to an all-time high in September, erasing the losses from its correction in February.

Q: What's bothering investors?

A: Many investors are increasingly worried that corporate profits — which drive stock market gains — are poised to weaken.

Profits have been extremely strong this year — earnings for the S&P 500 are estimated to have risen by 28.6 percent for the third quarter after a 25.2 percent gain in the second quarter. But an array of threats to company earnings has

emerged in recent months: Interest rate hikes by the Federal Reserve. A Trump administration-led trade war. And there are increased signs the global economy is slowing — for instance, growth in China has weakened and the German economy had its first quarterly decline since early 2015.

That has made investors nervous about the valuations of some of the market's high-fliers. Apple and Amazon issued disappointing outlooks in October, and both stocks are down more than 20 percent this quarter. Caterpillar and Boeing, two industrial powers that stand to be hurt by a prolonged trade war between the U.S. and China, have also suffered sharp losses.

Q: How bad can it get?

A: In truth, no one knows. But some analysts say there are more hurdles for the market now than there were at the onset of the last market correction in February. Back then, companies had yet to show the positive impact tax cuts would have on profits and the U.S. and China hadn't imposed costly tariffs on each other. The U.S. economy grew at a healthy 3.5 percent

annual pace from July through September; annual growth was an even stronger 4.2 percent in the second quarter. The two periods marked the strongest consecutive quarters of growth in four years.

There is some concern, however, that the Federal Reserve could overshoot with its campaign of interest rate increases and eventually slow the economy too much.

The Fed has raised its key short-term rate — a benchmark for loans throughout the economy — three times this year. And it's expected to do so again in December and at least twice in 2019. Rising rates make borrowing costlier for consumers and companies.

"Now that the Fed is normalizing rates, the market is doing what it historically does: Reprice according to perceived conditions. And right now, the market is focused on the tariffs issue and on how far the Federal Reserve moves toward rate normalization, and also concerns of slowing global growth," said Prudential's Krosby.

Q: Given their drop, are stocks cheap now?

A: The market is cheaper, but not necessarily cheap.

Analysts look at several measures to gauge how expensive stocks are, and many of these measures are lower than they were a couple weeks ago but still above their long-term averages.

Consider how much stocks cost relative to how much profit they produce, one of the most commonly used measures. The S&P 500 trades at 15.2 times its expected earnings over the coming 12 months, for example. That's a more attractive price-to-earnings ratio than the 17 it sported a month ago, and it's much more palatable than the price-to-earnings ratio it had of nearly 19 when stocks were surging in January. □

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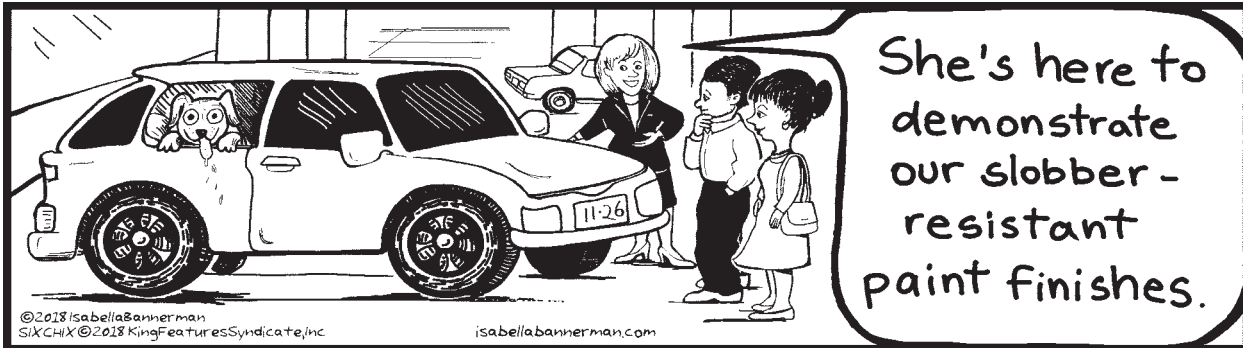
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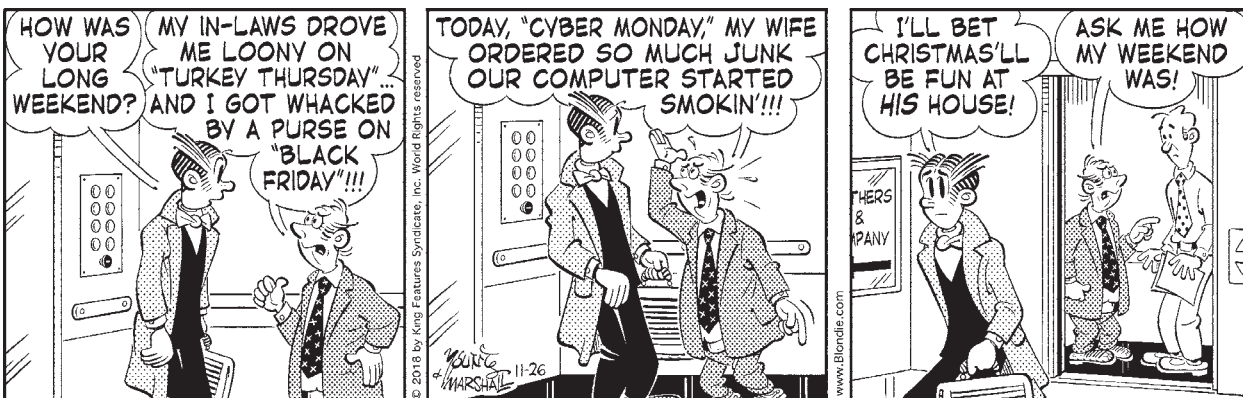
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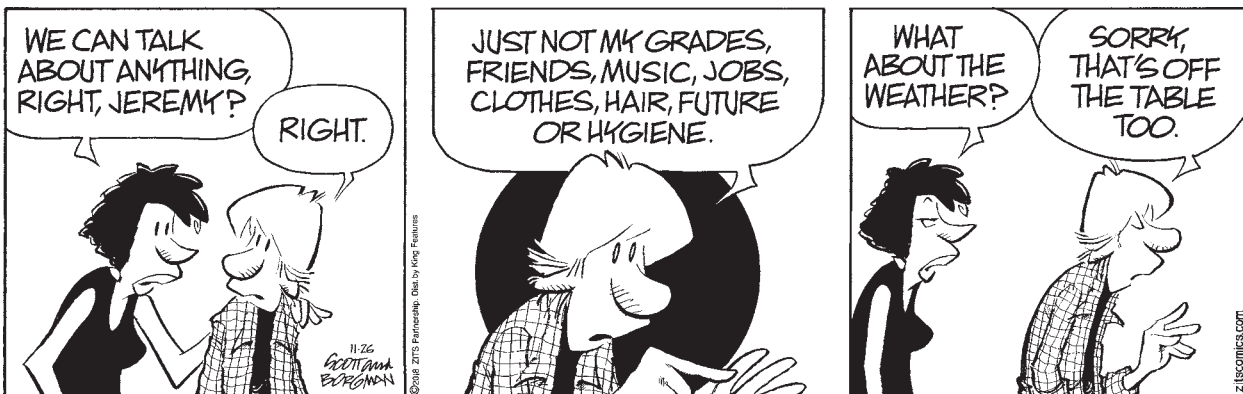
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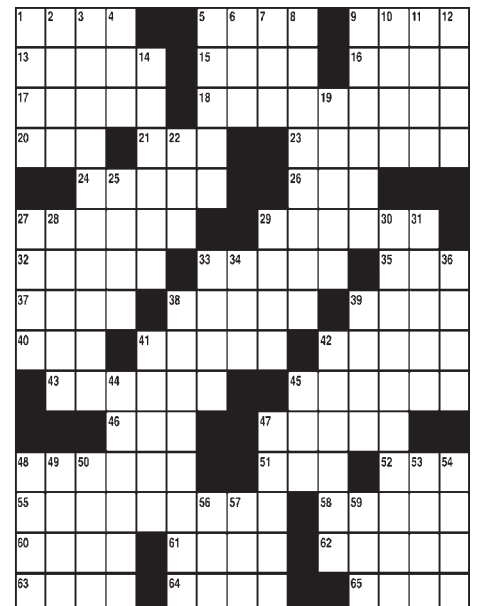
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In this Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018 photo, Sinatra, a brown and white Husky, sits at the feet of Gregory Verrill at his home in Seffner, Fla.

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New York dog found in Florida 18 months after disappearing

Associated Press

SEFFNER, Fla. (AP) — Eighteen months after Sinatra the brown and white Husky disappeared from his home in New York, he ended up wandering in a Florida neighborhood where 13-year-old Rose Verrill took him in.

Turns out, Sinatra once belonged to 16-year-old Zion Willis, who died in a gun accident in Brooklyn, New York, in 2015.

He'll be reunited with her family in Baltimore on Sunday.

The Tampa Bay Times reports that while the dog has been found, no one knows how it traveled 1,200 miles (1,931 kilometers) from New York to Seffner, which is near Tampa.

But this much is known. Sinatra was a 14th birthday gift for Zion, who was an avid dancer and an animal lover.

The blue-eyed dog loved to chase raccoons and squirrels, the teen's father told the newspaper. One day, a year-and-a-half after Zion's death, the dog never came home. It was a tragic loss for Zion's grieving parents.

Some 18 months passed before the Florida teen found Sinatra near her

home.

"He's been such a wonderful guest and such a sweet dog," said Rose's mother, Denise Verrill. "I can see why they love him so much."

The Verrills and family friend Jeanne Baldi started trying to find Sinatra's owners.

They took him to a veterinarian who was not able to retrieve much from an identification chip. They turned to the Hillsborough County Pet Resource Center, which came up with a possible name — Willis Les — and a phone number that was off by one digit.

That's when Baldi took to social media.

She reached out to Lesmore Willis with the information she had.

"I never would have thought he was from Brooklyn," Baldi said. "I messaged Lesmore over Facebook and didn't think it would lead to anything when I saw where he was from."

A few days later, Willis messaged back. As they compared notes, they both spoke of a dog that had a problem with its right foot. Baldi sent along a photo and Willis confirmed it was Sinatra.

"I told him that he was safe and well taken care of with

Denise," Baldi said.

Willis spoke of his daughter's love for the dog. "That was her dog and their bond was strong," he said. "She loved to take him on her walks to the store. The love was obvious. When he was gone, it was like losing a part of her."

After Sinatra disappeared, they put up flyers and spent months searching.

Now, they'll be reunited. A friend of Verrill's is taking Sinatra to Baltimore for the Thanksgiving weekend reunion. □

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Mars landing looms for NASA; anxiety building a day out

By **MARCIA DUNN**

AP Aerospace Writer

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(AP) — With just a day to go, NASA's InSight spacecraft aimed for a bull's-eye touchdown on Mars, zooming in like an arrow with no turning back.

InSight's journey of six months and 300 million miles (482 million kilometers) comes to a precarious grand finale Monday afternoon.

The robotic geologist — designed to explore Mars' insides, surface to core — must go from 12,300 mph (19,800 kph) to zero in six minutes flat as it pierces the Martian atmosphere, pops out a parachute, fires its descent engines and, hopefully, lands on three legs.

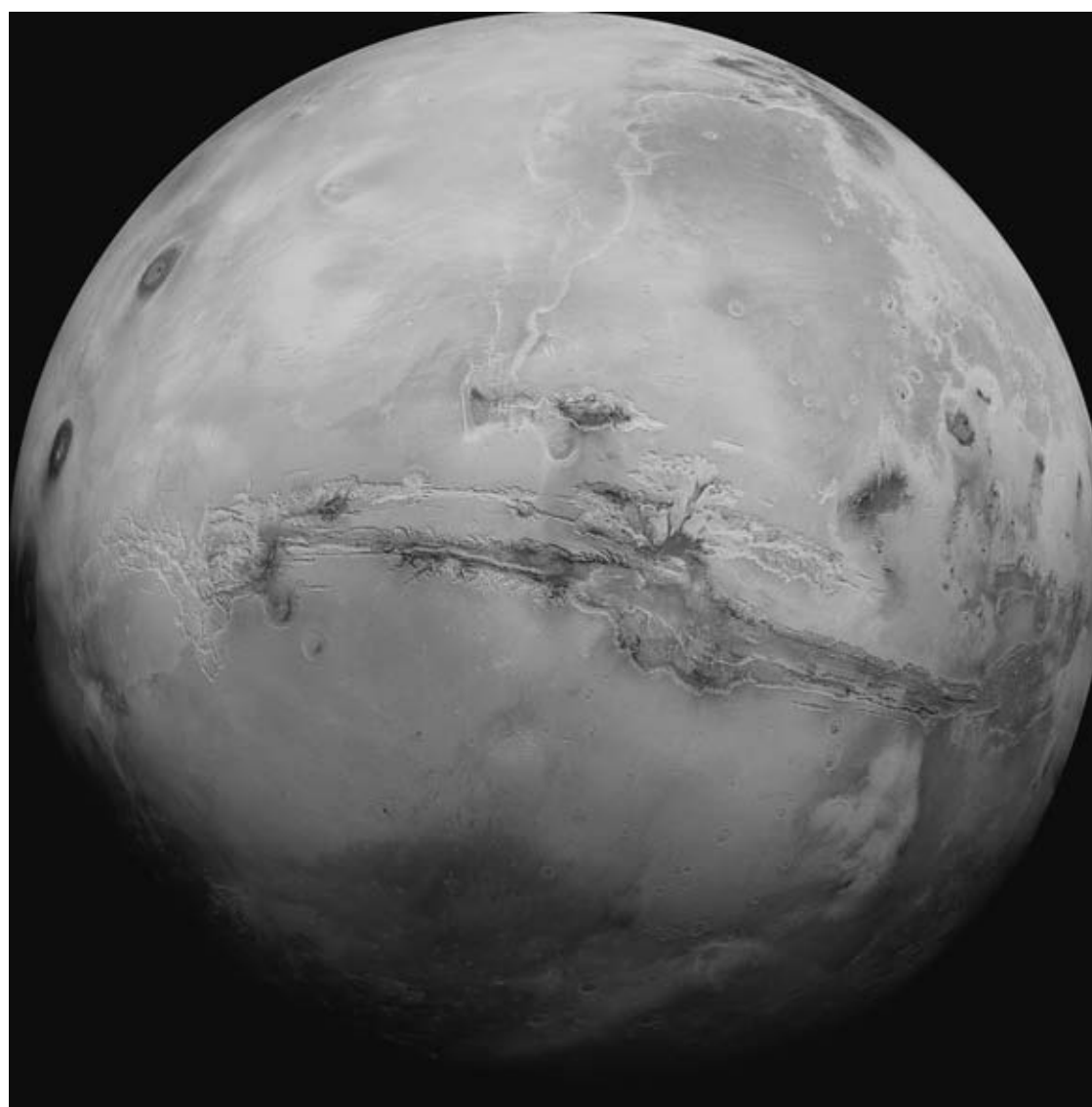
It is NASA's first attempt to land on Mars in six years, and all those involved are understandably anxious.

NASA's top science mission official, Thomas Zurbuchen, confided Sunday that his stomach is already churning. The hardest thing is sitting on his hands and doing nothing, he said, except hoping and praying everything goes perfectly for InSight.

"Landing on Mars is one of the hardest single jobs that people have to do in planetary exploration," noted InSight's lead scientist, Bruce Banerdt. "It's such a difficult thing, it's such a dangerous thing that there's always a fairly uncomfortably large chance that something could go wrong."

Earth's success rate at Mars is 40 percent, counting every attempted flyby, orbital flight and landing by the U.S., Russia and other countries dating all the way back to 1960.

But the U.S. has pulled



This image made available by NASA shows the planet Mars. This composite photo was created from over 100 images of Mars taken by Viking Orbiters in the 1970s.

off seven successful Mars landings in the past three decades. With only one failed touchdown, it's an enviable record. No other country has managed to set and operate a spacecraft on the dusty red surface.

InSight could hand NASA its eighth win.

It's shooting for Elysium Planitia, a plain near the Martian equator that the InSight team hopes is as flat as a parking lot in Kansas with few, if any, rocks. This is no rock-collecting expedition. Instead, the stationary 800-pound (360-kilogram) lander will use its 6-foot (1.8-meter) robotic arm to place a mechanical mole

and seismometer on the ground.

The self-hammering mole will burrow 16 feet (5 meters) down to measure the planet's internal heat, while the ultra-high-tech seismometer listens for possible marsquakes. Nothing like this has been attempted before at our smaller next-door neighbor, nearly 100 million miles (160 million kilometers) away.

No experiments have ever been moved robotically from the spacecraft to the actual Martian surface. No lander has dug deeper than several inches, and no seismometer has ever worked on Mars.

By examining the deepest, darkest interior of Mars — still preserved from its earliest days — scientists hope to create 3D images that could reveal how our solar system's rocky planets formed 4.5 billion years ago and why they turned out so different. One of the big questions is what made Earth so hospitable to life. Mars once had flowing riv-

ers and lakes; the deltas and lakebeds are now dry, and the planet cold. Venus is a furnace because of its thick, heat-trapping atmosphere. Mercury, closest to the sun, has a surface that's positively baked.

The planetary know-how gained from InSight's \$1 billion, two-year operation could even spill over to rocky worlds beyond our solar system, according to Banerdt. The findings on Mars could help explain the type of conditions at these so-called exoplanets "and how they fit into the story that we're trying to figure out for how planets form," he said.

Concentrating on planetary building blocks, InSight has no life-detecting capability. That will be left for future rovers. NASA's Mars 2020 mission, for instance, will collect rocks for eventual return that could hold evidence of ancient life. Because it's been so long since NASA's last Martian landfall — the Curiosity rover in 2012 — Mars mania is

gripping not only the space and science communities, but everyday folks.

Viewing parties are planned coast to coast at museums, planetariums and libraries, as well as in France, where InSight's seismometer was designed and built.

The giant NASDAQ screen in New York's Times Square will start broadcasting NASA Television an hour before InSight's scheduled 3 p.m. EST touchdown; so will the National Air and Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia, and the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. The InSight spacecraft was built near Denver by Lockheed Martin.

But the real action, at least on Earth, will unfold at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, home to InSight's flight control team.

NASA is providing a special 360-degree online broadcast from inside the control center.

Confirmation of touchdown could take minutes — or hours. At the minimum, there's an eight-minute communication lag between Mars and Earth.

A pair of briefcase-size satellites trailing InSight since liftoff in May will try to relay its radio signals to Earth, with a potential lag time of under nine minutes. These experimental CubeSats will fly right past the red planet without stopping. Signals also could travel straight from InSight to radio telescopes in West Virginia and Germany. It will take longer to hear from NASA's Mars orbiters.

Project manager Tom Hoffman said he's trying his best to stay outwardly calm as the hours tick down. Once InSight phones home from the Martian surface, though, he expects to behave much like his three young grandsons did at Thanksgiving dinner, running around like crazy and screaming.

"Just to warn anybody who's sitting near me ... I'm going to unleash my inner 4-year-old on you, so be careful," he said. □

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Placido Domingo feted at Met Opera for his 50th anniversary

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Placido Domingo's eyes watered and his voice quavered. After portraying dozens of characters over a half-century on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House, he got emotional being himself.

"For us, the opera singers, it is just like Frank Sinatra said: New York, New York, if you made it, you made it everywhere," the 77-year-old singer from Spain said Friday night when he was honored on stage for the 50th anniversary of his Met debut. Domingo's career with the Met started a few days ahead of schedule on Sept. 28, 1968, when he replaced an indisposed Franco Corelli as Maurizio in Cilea's "Adriana Lecouvreur" with Renata Tebaldi in the title role and Fausto Cleva conducting. Domingo's performance Friday in the title role of "Gianni Schicchi," the third opera of Puccini's "Il Trittico," was his 52nd role and 695th appearance at the Met as a singer and conductor.

During a ceremony after the opening opera, "Il Tabarro," Met general manager Peter Gelb gave Domingo a pair of gifts.

"Since you have owned this stage for your entire career, we thought we'd give you a piece of it. So this was removed from the stage earlier this week," Gelb said before bestowing a chunk of flooring. Then he presented Domingo his leather jacket from a 1990s performance of Verdi's "Otello," which had been dipped in gold to mark the golden anniversary.

"This puts you and Elvis in the same class," Gelb said. Domingo's wife Marta, son Alvaro and two grandchildren looked on as a montage of Domingo's career was shown, including a scene from "Sesame Street" with Miss Piggy.

"The generations go, go, go. I'm very happy to be surviving," Domingo said. A few bouquets of flowers were thrown from the audience. "There are some of you that you were at my debut," he said. "You are the judges. You are the ones that make an artist. So thanks to you I have been coming for a half-century."

A tenor for most of his life, Domingo switched to baritone parts about a decade ago. He has sung 150 roles, by his count. "The last 20 years, it seems



In this photo provided by the Metropolitan Opera, Placido Domingo stands on stage at the Metropolitan Opera, Friday, Nov. 23, 2018, in New York.

to me like that they are five," he said after the ceremony, "Time passes so quickly. One wishes that the time, maybe we can

do it in a slow motion now the next years."

Domingo received a standing ovation of about 2 minutes when introduced. Four

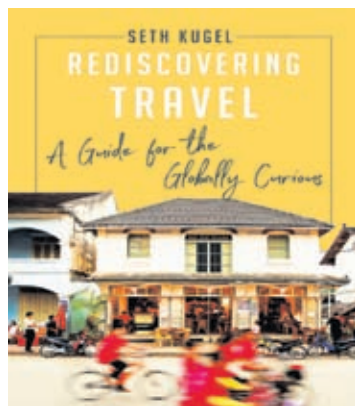
famous colleagues were recognized from the audience: Martina Arroyo, Sherrill Milnes, Teresa Stratas and James Morris.

Milnes first worked with Domingo in Guadalajara, Mexico, during Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor" and Rossini's "Il Barbiere di Siviglia (The Barber of Seville)." "I knew there was a special musicality because he was a tenor who could count. So if you said let's hold it two beats or four beats or three beats or whatever — boom! You got it," Milnes said. "No other tenor did that. And just multiply that a thousand times. It's crescendo, the decrescendo, all the lovely musical things. He's just sharp that way, probably the best." □

'Frugal Traveler' is disjointed book

By KIM CURTIS
Associated Press

"Rediscovering Travel: A Guide for the Globally Curious" (Liveright), by Seth Kugel. Love travel? Love books? Love books about travel? If the preceding statements are true, do pick up a copy of "Rediscovering Travel: A Guide for the Globally Curious," written by former New York Times' "Frugal Traveler" Seth Kugel. Whether or not you're familiar with Kugel's amusing, yet never cloying writing; his self-deprecating and hilarious storytelling; and his inner struggle between his fear of talking to strangers and his compulsion for out-of-the-way adventures, "Rediscover-



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'Wreck-It Ralph' and 'Creed' sequels top holiday box office

By **LINDSEY BAHR**

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Movie sequels are having their own Thanksgiving feast at the box office.

"Ralph Breaks the Internet" and "Creed II" took the top two spots on the North American charts and beat the openings for the original films, propelling record industry-wide grosses for the Thanksgiving weekend. Studios on Sunday said Disney's "Wreck-It Ralph" sequel earned an estimated \$55.7 million over the three-day weekend and \$84.5 million since its Wednesday opening to take first place and become one of the biggest Thanksgiving openings of all time.

Its five-day Thanksgiving grosses are second only to "Frozen" at \$94 million, and its three-day haul puts it in third place behind "Hunger Games: Catching Fire" and "Frozen." The film sees the return of the vocal talents of John C. Reilly and Sarah Silverman, and it scored with audiences and critics. "We're very thankful for this weekend," said Cathleen



This image released by Disney shows characters, from left, Ralph, voiced by John C. Reilly, Yess, voiced by Taraji P. Henson and Vanellope von Schweetz, voiced by Sarah Silverman in a scene from "Ralph Breaks the Internet."

Taff, who oversees Disney's theatrical distribution. "It was a fantastic start and a great way to kick off the holiday season."

The Rocky spinoff "Creed II," starring Michael B. Jordan and Sylvester Stallone, placed second with \$35.3 million from the weekend and \$55.8 million since Wednesday, far surpassing the first film's Thanksgiving debut in 2015. The sequel directed by Steven Caple Jr. has Jordan's Adonis Creed fighting the son of

Ivan Drago.

"This is a timeless franchise for us at MGM, and it's a thrill to see both its legacy and new generation of audiences continue to respond to Rocky Balboa and Adonis Creed in this time when we need uplifting stories," Jonathan Glickman, president of MGM's Motion Picture Group, said in a statement.

Third place went to Illumination Entertainment's "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch," which earned \$30.2 million in its second weekend, and just barely beat out the "Fantastic Beasts" sequel, "Crimes of Grindelwald" (\$29.7 million) which is also in weekend two.

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There was little left at the table for the latest version of "Robin Hood," starring Taron Egerton. The poorly reviewed pic from Lionsgate's Summit Entertainment grossed only \$9.1 million over the weekend and \$14.2 million in its first five days in theaters against a reported production budget of nearly \$100 million. Universal's crowd-pleaser "Green Book," starring Mahershala Ali and Viggo Mortensen, expanded to 1,063 locations after a limited start and took ninth place with \$5.4 million. Peter Farrelly directed the film based on a true story of a road trip through the Jim Crow-era South. With

awards buzz, good reviews and an A+ CinemaScore for the movie, Universal's distribution chief Jim Orr said he expects it to have a long life at the domestic box office.

Another awards season movie, Fox Searchlight's acclaimed period piece "The Favourite," with Emma Stone, Rachel Weisz and Oliva Colman, opened in four locations to \$420,000. Overall, it was a remarkable Thanksgiving frame at the box office for the industry. It's the first time ever that the total domestic box office has surpassed \$300 million over the five days counted around the Thanksgiving holiday. Box office tracker comScore is projecting a \$314 million total.

"This is a perfectly fitting Thanksgiving for a year that's had its share of records being broken," said comScore's senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday. □

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Holly Golightly puts some hot wax on garage sounds

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Holly Golightly, "Do the Get Along" (Damaged Goods) By law, or nearly, it seems, you can't mention Holly Golightly without calling her a "garage rock queen," even though she's taken on plenty of other genres in her time, expanding her realm to incorporate country, beat, blues and pop, among others. A London-to-Georgia transfer, this is Golightly's second album of the year, after the horse-themed "Clippety Clop" with the Brokeoffs, who's all of one man, her partner and collaborator "Lawyer Dave" Drake. "Do the Get Along" sees her

applying a bit of hot wax to the garage sounds, making the album showroom ready without overloading the tunes with frivolous, glossy details. Golightly (not a pseudonym) is an even-keeled singer here, conveying passion, frustration and even menace without unnecessary histrionics. On opener "Obstacles," she immediately stakes her place — "All the odds against me I will beat/There ain't nothing gonna knock me off my feet," as long-time drummer Bruce Brand is joined by guitarists Ed Deegan and Bradley Burgess and Matt Radford on double bass to create just



This cover image released by Damaged Goods shows "Do the Get Along," by Holly Golightly.

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the right amount of racket. Her covers of choice — "Satan Is His Name," a 1962 release by Steve King and The Echelons; "Love (Can't You Hear Me)" by The Knight Brothers released on Checker, a subsidiary of Chess Records; and Ruth Brown's R&B ode "I Don't Know" — have great pedigree and are among the highlights of the record. □

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'Don't Look Now' director Nicolas Roeg dies at 90

By GREGORY KATZ
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LONDON (AP) — Nicolas Roeg, a director of provocative and otherworldly films who gave Mick Jagger and David Bowie enduring screen roles, has died. He was 90.

The British director of "Don't Look Now" and many other films died Friday night, his son, Nicolas Roeg Jr., told Britain's Press Association. "He was a genuine dad," Roeg Jr. said Saturday. "He just had his 90th birthday in August."

He didn't provide details about his father's death during a brief telephone call with the association.

During the 1970s, Roeg sent Jenny Agutter and his son Luc Roeg on the Australian Outback odyssey "Walkabout," gave Jagger a big-screen role in the thriller "Performance," which was co-directed with Donald Cammell; and plunged Julie Christie and Donald



In this May 11 1985 file photo, from left, actors Gary Busey, Theresa Russell, Tony Curtis, Michael Emil, and director Nicolas Roeg answer newsmen during a press conference for "Insignificance" at the 38th Cannes International Film Festival, held in the festival palace for their film in competition, in Cannes.

Sutherland into psychological horror in the Venice-set "Don't Look Now."

"Don't Look Now" became famous for its realistic de-

piction of sex. Roeg said later that rumors the sex had been real were "very flattering" because that meant people felt the film

was authentic. Sutherland said Roeg was "a fearless visionary." "He was a liberating joy to work for," Sutherland said

in a statement. "I fell in love with him then and will love him forever."

In "The Man Who Fell to Earth," Roeg directed Bowie — perfectly cast and sublimely strange — as an alien who crashes on Earth looking for a way to save his own planet.

Bowie's son, filmmaker Duncan Jones, wrote on Twitter: "Just heard another great storyteller, the inimitable Nicolas Roeg left us today. What an incredible body of work he's left us with!"

Roeg's later films include the intellectually playful "Insignificance," in which Albert Einstein matched wits with Marilyn Monroe. His last major film was "The Witches," in 1990, a Roald Dahl adaptation which starred Anjelica Huston.

The British Film Institute has named "Don't Look Now" and "Performance" as two of the greatest films in Britain's Top 100 film poll. □

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Snag these hotel loyalty perks, even if you're disloyal

By **CLAIRE TSOSIE**

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Hotel loyalty benefits — such as access to room upgrades, late checkout and other amenities — aren't reserved only for the most faithful, highest-spending customers anymore. With the right credit card, you can get them, too. That's because automatic elite status in hotel loyalty programs is an increasingly common feature on credit cards associated with these programs. Now, some cards — such as the Starwood Preferred Guest Luxury Card and Hilton Honors American Express Aspire card, which both carry annual fees of \$450 — even give cardholders access to the upper echelons of elite status.

"The status does make a difference" for consumers, says John Grund, managing director at Accenture Payments, a firm that provides consulting services for banks and payment providers. "(It has) high aspirational value and could certainly be a deciding factor" on whether to get a card. It's not the most predictable credit card benefit; perks can vary based on availability. But if you travel enough, getting a hotel card with automatic elite status can be a clever shortcut to more pleasant stays.

ROOM UPGRADES

Joe Hegedus of Orlando, Florida, isn't particularly loyal to any one hotel brand — but his co-branded hotel cards still help him get room upgrades. Once, while spending one night at a hotel in Fort Pierce, Florida, with his wife, Sharon, he says he was upgraded to a three-room suite for no extra charge after checking in. At the front desk, "they were like, 'Oh, you're a Platinum member? Thank you so much. We went ahead and upgraded you to one of our suites on the top floor,'" says Hegedus, who works as a pharmacist and co-founded the award travel blog Your Mileage May Vary.

Potential room upgrades are common as a midtier



This March 30, 2016, file photo shows a Hilton hotel in Richmond, Va. Automatic elite status in hotel loyalty programs is an increasingly common feature on credit cards associated with these programs.

hotel elite status benefit. They aren't a sure thing, Hegedus notes; they depend on availability. Landing a major upgrade is also rare. But if the hotel has plenty of open rooms, you have a better chance.

FLEXIBLE CHECK-IN AND CHECKOUT

For weary travelers, the option to check in early or check out late can be a huge relief. And often, the elite status that comes with hotel cards makes this possible.

"We don't usually take advantage of a late check-

out, but I'll try to get an early check-in," Hegedus says, noting his hotel cards offer these benefits. "Most times, it just means I show up at the hotel early and they see I have some status with the program. Hopefully it means they give me (an early) room."

This perk also depends on availability, he notes. But he estimates he's received early check-in more than half the times he's requested it.

OTHER AMENITIES AND BENEFITS

The hotel elite status that

comes with your card might not make your trip significantly cheaper, but it can make it more comfortable. Some hotel chains, such as Hyatt and InterContinental Hotels Group, promise elite members a dedicated check-in area or phone line. Others offer a free breakfast to those with status.

There's also the potential to rack up free hotel nights faster. With elite status, you generally earn a bonus of 10% to 100% on any points earned through the hotel for your stay, depending

on your status and the program. Combined with the points you're already earning on your hotel credit card, that could help you cover a vacation with your rewards a lot sooner.

WHAT ABOUT THE ANNUAL FEE?

With hotel cards, higher annual fees translate to more perks. But how much value you get from those perks depends on your travel habits. The good news: You have options. "What I would call the ladder-ing of benefits (on hotel cards) has become more sophisticated, more refined and certainly tied in with an expanded portfolio of credit card offerings," says Grund of Accenture Payments, noting that several hotel brands have recently updated offers or debuted new cards. Nowadays, you can find hotel cards with annual fees of \$0, \$95 or \$450, and benefits that run the gamut from free anniversary nights each year to airport lounge access.

Don't plan to stay with a certain hotel more than once? You're probably better off without a hotel card. But if you can use the benefits enough to make up for the annual fee and then some, such a card could be a worthy addition to your wallet. □



In this Sept. 5, 2018, file photo guests stand at the front desk at the Embassy Suites by Hilton hotel in Seattle's Pioneer Square neighborhood in Seattle.

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